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Mr Heffer to defy Mr Wilson by attacking EEC in House

Heffer, Minister of State for Industry, last it became the first anti-EEC minister to risk missal because of his views. In a letter to Mr son he said he would not be muzzled during three-day debate on the renegotiation White Paper and intended to make an anti-EEC speech from the back benches. Ministers have been ordered not to speak against government policy on Europe in the Commons. Differences over the ruling emerged at yesterday's Cabinet.

Backbench rebels harry Prime Minister

avid Wood
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rried by some of his anti-backbenchers, teased and ed by the Opposition, Mr *n yesterday struggled in* louse of Commons to shore ic house of cards he has ructed to accommodate eeply divided Government party durin the referen campaign. He no sooner a buttress for one wing e structure than he had to p scaffolding for the other. But it continued to look *ough there was something* g with the foundations.

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wrote to Mr Wilson say- it he could not be *led during the three-day* e on the renegotiation e Paper, *and that he in-*d to make his anti-EEC h not from the Treasury but from the back nes.

nisterial differences over Cabinet rules and general eline showed through when Cabinet met yesterday. By accounts, Mr Callaghan d toughly that all mem- of the Administration, e and below the Cabinet should be told that they vote in support of the rnment *in tonight's divi*

So much, indeed, could be said to have been implied by the rule that ministers should not speak in the House against Government policy.

Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip, who is a full member of the Cabinet, warned his colleagues that it would be disastrous to attempt to enforce such a discipline, and is said to have remarked that "we should lose half the whips' Office".

In turn, Mr Benn appealed for a more lenient *treatment* of anti-EEC ministers when they speak in the House, for he seems to have had no support from the six other Cabinet ministers who dissent from the Government's recommendation to stay in the EEC.

Mr Heffer intends to catch the Speaker's eye when the final day of the debate begins *today. He does not intend to* resign, although he would not be surprised if his defiance forced Mr Wilson's hand, if only because any sign of weakness in party management now could easily lead to a degree of disarray that would be as damaging to the Government as a whole as to Mr Wilson himself.

Mr Heffer's decision to enter the Commons debate directly challenges the ministerial instruction that freedom to advocate a different view from the Cabinet majority during the *referendum campaign "does not* extend to parliamentary pro*ceedings and official business".*

It is notable that all the *ministers in Mr Benn's depart*ment are declared opponents of *British membership, although* Mr Heffer is one of the very few deeply committed left-wing members of the *Tribune* group who (in Mrs Thatcher's phrase *yesterday) have performed a* double "U" turn.

He was a *convert to European*ism between 1964 and 1970 as a backbencher, although he lost his faith when the Labour application to join failed. Now he becomes the first anti-EEC minister to risk dismissal at Mr Wilson's hands, always provided Mr Wilson feels strong enough in the present situation to provoke the *Tribune* group before the special party conference on the EEC later this month.

Apparently Mr Wilson's reply to Mr Heffer's letter, which *Lobby correspondent at present* intends to publish, was amiably *couched, at least in the recipi*ent's view. It was a lengthier *version of Mr Wilson's letter to* Mr Sydney Bidwell, who as chairman of the *Tribune* group had written to protest about the "gagging". Mr Wilson wrote:

The Cabinet's decision, which I announced on January 23, was to allow members of the Government who did not feel able to support the Government's recommendation (whatever it might be) to be free to support and speak in favour of a different conclusion in the referendum campaign.

This decision related to the campaign in the country; it was not envisaged that those ministers would be free to speak against the Government's recommendation when that was debated in the House.

None the less, the point was specifically considered by the Cabinet before Easter, and a decision was taken by the Cabinet that the dissenting ministers should not speak in the debate. There is no question of the Cabinet altering that decision, which certainly accords with my view.

The Cabinet do not believe that *it would be tolerable to have* ministers speaking in the House in a contrary sense to that of the *Government's decision. . . .*

The text gives emphasis to a point that Mr Wilson made under cross-fire in the Commons whenever he put his head over the parapet yesterday during his quarter-hour question time: the ministerial rules that are the basis of the agreement to disagree on the EEC sprang not *ex cathedra* from the Prime *Minister but from the Cabinet* majority.

It was an unhappy 15 minutes for Mr Wilson. Mr Ashton, MP for Bassetlaw, who is Mr Benn's parliamentary private secretary, almost predictably made occasion to confront him about the muzzling of 30 ministers and Mr Norman Buchan, MP for Renfrewshire West, who *resigned as a junior minister* at the Ministry of Agriculture last year, warned him that "freedom is indivisible". Mr Douglas Jay, MP for Wandsworth, Battersea North, a former President of the Board of Trade, was ready with reminders of how ministers were allowed to differ on the *Treasury bench in 1931.*

Mr Wilson said that the re*strictions on ministers were* appropriate and the decision was taken by the Cabinet. The agreement to differ meant total freedom within the normal rules of etiquette, friendly behaviour and gentlemanly courtesy to campaign in the country on the referendum. The situation covering the parliamentary debate was quite different, and had always been considered so.

On Mr Jay's precedent, Mr Wilson commented that the only possibility of an agreement to differ then was through the debate in the House; now

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New Belfast bombing outrage by Provisionals

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Security in Northern Ireland deteriorated further yesterday when explosions and fire severely damaged one of the largest department stores in Belfast. Although the Provisional IRA ceasefire is theoretically into its fifty-eighth day, it is beginning to mean less and less to the citizens of Belfast.

At least three bombs exploded shortly after 5 o'clock in the Bank Buildings, in the city centre. A warning was *given, and although no one was* injured the building was being *cleared when the first bomb* went off.

The Belfast brigade of the Provisional IRA said it had planted the bombs in retaliation for army raids on homes in republican areas, which had continued in spite of a warning issued last week after a bomb *wrecked* a travel agency and two shops.

"The *British Army chose to* ignore this warning and recently damaged a house in Etna Drive in the course of a raid on April 5, and again yesterday, April 7, when they caused structural damage to a house in Whiterock Parade", the brigade said. "While they continue to treat *working-class homes with con*tempt, we reserve the right to retaliate."

Two IRA members serving life sentences for their part in the explosions outside the Central Criminal Court, London, *in 1973, were secretly trans*ferred to Ulster yesterday. The *men, Gerard Kelly and Hugh* Feeney, who both took part in a hunger strike with the Price sisters last year, had been at Long Lartin jail, Worcestershire, and Gartree jail, Leicestershire, respectively.

The Government also allowed a "loyalist" prisoner to be *transferred from Peterhead* prison to Ulster. William Campbell, sentenced to five years in *1973 after the bombing of a* Glasgow Orange hall, was transferred at the request of Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Members of the Ulster Defence Association yesterday searched vainly in Belfast for two UDA men, thought to have been abducted on Monday. One of the men, Mr Hugh McVeigh, *is on the association's inner* council. The other, Mr David Douglas, is described as a rank-and-file member.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan visiting troops on the walls of Londonderry yesterday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, *Dr Coggan*, arrived in Ulster yesterday on his first visit as archbishop. He will stay six days.

Rees pledge: The road to peace in Northern Ireland was open and "we must not allow it to be closed by those relatively few who pursue violence", Mr Rees said *in his constituency of* Leeds, South, last night.

There were brands of socialism in Northern Ireland that prostituted the name with thuggery and murder.

Pilot angry over fall of Da Nang bombs Thieu palace in Saigon

From Peter Hazelhurst
Saigon, April 8

A South Vietnamese Air Force F5 fighter-bomber streaked *low* across Saigon early this morning and dropped three *bombs and rockets over the* Independence Palace, President Thieu's official residence and office near the city centre.

The silver jet, apparently piloted by an angry young Air Force lieutenant who was separated from his family after the Government abandoned Da Nang to the communists last month, made two low runs over the city before it dropped three 250lb bombs over the large white building.

The bombs fell 50 and 150 *yards short of the palace*, damaging a tennis court and a parking lot in the compound. The rockets also missed the building.

Within two hours of the attack, President Thieu broadcast over Saigon Radio to assure the nation that he and his family had not been harmed and to quash rumours that the attack was a signal for a serious coup d'état.

"I *am determined to* remain as leader of the *nation", he said after* assuring the South Vietnamese people that he still commanded the support of the Cabinet, the Army Chief of Staff and the commanders of all Army corps.

Nevertheless, the President alleged that a small group of his critics were plotting to overthrow the Government.

"I believe this morning's act was initiated by this group who want to kill me in a plot to change the constitution and the legal Government", President Thieu said.

General Cao Van Vien, General Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, also broadcast *to the nation tonight to scotch* rumours that a coup was in the *offing*. He described the attack as "a blind act", and asked the Army, Navy and Air Force to close ranks "to fight communist aggression".

A spokesman for the palace denied initial reports that two members of the presidential staff had been killed during the attack. He said several workers and guards had suffered slight cuts from flying glass.

The episode began at 8.30 am when the silver jet, glinting in *the blue sky, screamed low* over the city towards the palace —*half a mile to the north-west.* From an hotel roof top it could be seen streaking above the trees which screen the palace, then swooping up into a tight turn and making another run across the city.

Bewildered commuters travelling in the morning rush hour through the centre of a city already frightened by a communist advance, scattered for cover as the jet made a second run over my hotel.

As it passed over the palace *the dull thud of exploding* bombs and rattle of anti-aircraft guns *in the grounds could* be heard. Then the fighter pulled up out of the range of the blazing guns in the palace gardens and turned towards the south-east.

It disappeared over the horizon and a pall of grey smoke rose above the palace grounds. Police immediately cordoned off the area and *dispersed curious onlookers.*

Within an hour police cars *cruised round the streets* announcing that a 24-hour curfew would *come into effect at* midday. Police dealt with *widespread traffic jams as* offices and shops closed and many of Saigon's two million residents attempted to make their way home before noon.

By midday the streets were almost deserted. Police and troops armed with light weapons were posted at strategic points, but the curfew was lifted after three hours.

Saigon Military Command said that the aircraft had taken off early today from the large base at Bien Hoa 16 miles *north-east of the city to partici*pate in a military bombing *mission near Phan Rang city, 165* miles to the north-east. When the squadron was airborne the pilot radioed to his wing-commander that he was returning to base with engine trouble.

The command refused to divulge the pilot's name, but informed sources identified him as Lieutenant Nguyen Thanh Trung, a native of North Korea. Sources who questioned Lieutenant Trung's Air Force com*rades claim that the young* officer, whose family lives in Da Nang, had been deeply upset by President Thieu's decision to abandon the northern provinces of South Vietnam to the communists without a fight.

Late tonight, the command had still not been able to determine the aircraft's destination.

Today's incident was similar to an attack against the palace *in 1960 when President Ngo* Dinh Diem was in office. The *coup failed but President Diem* was eventually overthrown in 1963.

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Cairngorms search in blizzard for lost skier

From Ronald Faux
Aviemore, April 8

The most severe spring blizzards for many years swept the Cairngorms yesterday and rescuers searched the area for a missing skier. Thousands of holidaymakers in Speyside were kept from the ski slopes on Cairngorm by high winds and heavy snow.

A RAF helicopter took rescue dogs with their handlers to the area high on the mountain where Mr Stanley Davies, aged 51, of Hertford, was last seen.

Mr Fred Harper, director of Glenmore Lodge outdoor centre, the search headquarters, said conditions were the worst of any spring he could remember. Police officers at Aviemore warned people not to attempt to go on to the mountains.

As the search was called off last night, rescuers said no trace of Mr Davies had been found. The search will resume today. The weather service in Glasgow said the snowfall at Glenmore Lodge had been 18in, the heaviest for five years.

Dyce airport at Aberdeen was closed for most of yesterday and flights were diverted to Edinburgh. British Rail said *lines were blocked between* Wick and Inverness and Inverness and Aberdeen.

Cold everywhere: The London *Weather Centre reported yester*day that all parts of the country had had sleet and snow showers. In exposed places there was much snow.

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hiefs of big firms ack membership

ur Business News Staff
ong support among the men of Britain's largest *panies for continued* United dom membership of the is disclosed in a survey ed out by *The Times*, ls of which are published . Of 419 replies received 615 company chairmen, vere in favour of continued bership, only three were st and one did not know

e survey is perhaps the striking evidence yet of extent of support for con- d membership at the very of Britain's largest com- s. Questionnaires were to the chairmen of the 500 st industrial companies, the heads of 115 banks, ance companies and other ncial institutions.

total of 85 per cent of replying thought with drawal would put their company at some or a considerable disadvantage.

The response to questions about the likely effects of withdrawal on three specific aspects of their company's business was less clear cut: 50.2 per cent felt it would lead to their employing fewer workers, but 47 per cent *thought employment would re*main the same. Investment in *their company's activities* in Britain was expected to be unaffected by 47 per cent of respondents, while 42.2 per cent thought it would be lower.

Asked about the likely net foreign exchange earnings of their companies if Britain withdrew, 58.7 per cent expected them to be lower, 34.1 per cent expected them to remain unchanged, and 4.2 per cent expected them to be higher. The rest expressed no view.

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Mrs Thatcher rules out double-U turns

By Hugh Noyes
Political Staff Correspondent
Westminster

Mrs Thatcher, opening the second day of the Commons debate on the Government's recommendation that Britain should remain in Europe, yesterday ended once and for all any suggestion that the *change in the Tory leadership* had brought with it a lukewarm approach to membership of the Community. Indeed, this must surely have been the occasion when Mrs Thatcher finally established herself in Parliament as the undisputed leader of her party.

One by one she demolished those MPs who tried to resist her formidable arguments, until even the most clamorous *were stilled. As she closed her* speech, which was skilfully blended to give maximum support for Europe and minimum assistance to Mr Wilson, she was given one of the warmest ovations that a leader of any party has received in the Commons for some time.

On the Government front bench she had the Prime Minister grinning ruefully as she reminded him that at the present time he had to rely more on his political opponents than on his alleged friends to secure the decision which he *considered to be right for* Britain.

Mockingly, she told Mr Wilson that she did admire his instinct for self-preservation and that the Opposition was well aware that the Prime Minister had difficulties. She could, however, give him the assurance that the Conservatives had constantly voted for Europe by a vast majority and that the Conservative Party would not think of performing double-U turns on the issue.

Mrs Thatcher set out, one by one, the main arguments for remaining in Europe. The Community, she pointed out, was *the largest trading and aiding* unit in the world, larger than *the United States in the amount* of goods imported and in the amount of aid given out. Reminding the House that half of Britain's trade was with Europe, she added that about four fifths of our deficit in that area came from the imports of about five commodities. If these had not come from Europe they would have been bought elsewhere in the world at the same or increased prices.

"Now *tell us about the* balance of payments", Mr Russell Kerr, one of the leading opponents of entry, shouted. "The balance of payments", Mrs Thatcher replied, "is worse under this government than it has been under any other". Mr Kerr was clearly out for the count.

The Community, the Tory leader continued, provided a world role for Britain and opened windows on the whole world that had been closing for us since the war. As Mr Douglas Jay tried to argue the *virtues of withdrawal and nego*tiation of new trading arrangements from outside the EEC, Mrs Thatcher calmly told him that the time to start asking for new treaties was not just at the moment when one had broken the last one.

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uropean poll likely to e held on June 5

David Spanier
hursday, June 5, looks like g the date of the European rendum. That date will be nounced by the Government at the end of the Euro debate in the Commons. It not signed and sealed as 5 because complications the legislation may *inter-*, but that is the target day. *he Government's aim is to* the referendum as soon possible. That is partly to t it over with" and to end the political difficulties which which it is saddled; and partly a calculation that the chances of a "Yes" vote will be better the sooner the referendum is held.

June 5 is the first practicable date, although some ministers *would have preferred it earlier.* The Referendum Bill has to go through both Houses and receive the Royal Assent, and a period of three to four weeks is then deemed necessary for the final campaign and preparation of poll cards.

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Zagreb crash train driver admits he dozed off

Zagreb, April 8.—The driver of a train that crashed in Zagreb last August killing 153 people admitted in court today that he and his assistant had been asleep just before the crash.

"We dozed off at some point on the way to Zagreb but I did not admit this until now because I wanted a thorough investigation to show the real state of affairs on the railways." Mr *Nikola Knezevic, the driver, told* a Zagreb court.

His admission came at the end of a three-week hearing into the cause of the derailment of the Belgrade to Dortmund express as it entered Zagreb station on August 30.

He said he and his assistant had worked more than 300 hours that month and were over-tired. They are charged *with grave offences against* public safety and face imprison*ment for up to 20 years.*—Reuter and UPI.

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e Government suffered defeat in the ds yesterday over what was called Caledonian Clay Cross" clause in Local Government (Scotland) Bill ing the Secretary of State discretion r surcharges on councillors. Our litical Staff says rejection of the use must be seen as a possible lication of peers' resistance when sating the Housing (Special Provisions) Bill, the Clay Cross Bill Page 2

outh Africa to pull ut of Rhodesia

uth Africa has promised to withdraw security forces from Rhodesia by the d of next month, Vernon Mwaanga, e Zambian Foreign Minister, told the ganization of African Unity in Dar Salaam yesterday. He said: "Prime inister Vorster has assured us"

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Unsold French wine

rench wine-growers held a good tured demonstration in Brussels esterday, handing out tracts to explain at 80 per cent of their harvest last ear was still unsold because of the portation of foreign wine

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Mr Charles Clarke, aged 24, a Cambridge graduate from Highgate School, is the new president of the National Union of Students, representing the Broad Left of communists, Labour Party members, and non-aligned socialists. He defeated Mr Terry Povey, aged 27, Trotskyist leader of the International Socialists. Mr Francis Hayden, Liberal, was third.

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Lisbon restricts base

Portugal will not allow the American base in the Azores to be used in another Middle East war, Brigadier Gonçalves, the Prime Minister, announced at a press conference in Lisbon yesterday

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Magnetic mystery

Magnetism attracted *some strange* explanations among the ancients, the conference of the Classical Association was told yesterday, but, as Philip *Howard reports, even today we are no* nearer the truth

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Maximum jail terms

Parliament should drastically reduce the maximum prison sentences judges can pass, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said yesterday. The statutory maximum penalties were absurdly high and the area of discretion in sentencing too large, he said

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South African protest over shots at airliner

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, April 8

The South African Government lodged a strong protest with the Portuguese today over the shooting at a South African Airways jumbo jet bound for London as it landed last night at Luanda airport in Angola. *The Boeing 747 was hit by six* shots, five of them in an empty *reserve fuel tank as it* approached the runway.

One of the airliner's 16 tyres burst but the landing was normal in other respects. Most of the 287 passengers on board apparently were unaware of what had happened.

There has been some speculation that the Boeing was mistaken for a Portuguese airliner with leaders of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) on board, but it seems more likely that the 747 was hit accidentally. The headquarters of two rival movements—the MPLA and the National Front for the Liberation of Angola—are situated near an airport approach path, and a gunfight between them *was in progress at the time.*

The South African aircraft remained at the end of the runway for half an hour without the passengers disembarking and then took off without refuelling.

HOME NEWS

Government defeat in Lords may herald peers' resistance to reliefs under the Clay Cross Bill

By Our Political Staff

The Government suffered a defeat in the Lords yesterday over what was described as the "Caledonian Clay Cross" clause in the Local Government (Scotland) Bill (Parliamentary report, page 8).

By 92 votes to 49, a majority of 43, the peers rejected the clause. Their action must be seen as a possible indication of the Lords' view when the controversial Housing (Special Provisions) Bill is debated by them after it has left the Commons. The Bill went before the Commons committee for the first time yesterday.

Calling for the deletion of the clause from the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, Lord Campbell of Croy said it was clear how the enabling power in the clause would be used. The Clay Cross Bill, the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, showed that the Government intended to relieve offending councillors in England from disqualification from councils.

Lord Campbell argued that the system was different in Scotland, where disqualification had not arisen. But the Government could not treat councillors in Scotland more harshly than the Clay Cross councillors, since in Scotland the councils all carried out the Act, although late.

"Hideous precedent": The Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill would serve as a hideous precedent in years to come, Mr Timothy Raison, opposition spokesman on the Environment said yesterday (Our Parliamentary Staff writes). He was speaking during the committee stage of the Bill, which prevents surcharges for any losses of expenditure incurred as a result of failure by local authorities to implement the Housing Finance Act, 1972.

He said: "No one can say that a local atuhority will not be tempted to behave as Clay Cross, and some other councillors, did under the Housing Finance Act. Once this Bill goes on the statute book in its present form it will be there as a precedent for all time, and councillors will be able constantly to say: 'These people were let off, why should we not be let off?' It is one of the paramount duties of the Government to make people realize that they have to obey the law."

MPs were discussing opposition amendments which, Mr Raison said, ensured that nobody should have to carry an unbearable burden, or any burden, unless it was deserved.

The amendments ensured that decisions should be taken by the courts rather than the Secretary of State and Parliament, and that the principle that councillors must obey the law and expect to bear the consequences of defiance was upheld. There would be a maximum payment of £1,000 by any councillor.

Mr Gerald Kauffman, Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment, said the amendments were not acceptable. They would transform a surcharge into a fine. Defiance of the law or failure to implement the law would be transformed into a crime. The proposals represented a much more complex and protracted system than that proposed by the Bill.

The committee resumes tomorrow.

Average home price rises £8,000 in four years

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The average purchase price of a home in Greater London rose from just over £6,000 to more than £14,000 between 1969 and 1973, according to a report published yesterday. In the same period average household income rose from just over £2,000 a year to a little short of £3,000. As a result many London families found no prospect of owning their own home.

The report, produced jointly by Shelter and the Shelter Housing Aid Centre, suggests that the Greater London Council should try to persuade building societies to lend more on older properties, which often provide the only opportunity for middle-income families to buy a home.

"Only 20 per cent of building society mortgages are advanced on property built before 1918, yet 33 per cent of England's housing stock, and about 40 per cent of London's housing stock, was built before that date", it says.

"Local authorities are currently, in effect, doing part of the building societies' job by covering this gap, and this is inevitably placing over-heavy demands on the limited funds available to be advanced in mortgages by local authorities."

The report suggests that the Government should review the requirement that local authority mortgage schemes should not be run at a loss. It acknowledges the arguments against using public funds to help owner-occupiers in general, but says there remains a strong argument for directing such funds selectively towards people for whom house purchase provides a possible solution to housing stress.

Manchester airport closed after strikes

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Manchester airport is to close this morning until further notice because of a threat of lightning strikes by workers there.

The closure decision was taken yesterday by the city corporation, which runs the airport, on the ground that it could not guarantee continuing services to the airlines using the airport facilities.

Services had been disrupted by lightning strikes over a pay dispute by 450 ground staff employed by the corporation. British Airways cancelled all flights between London and Manchester, and said it would review the situation daily.

The airline's flights from Manchester to other United Kingdom airports and to destinations in Europe have been switched to the East Midlands airport at Castle Donington.

I understand that one important independent airline, Dan Air, is seriously considering leaving Manchester airport for Liverpool because of the strike threats. Other operators were said last night to be considering similar action.

£25m development: A Scottish division of the British Airports Authority this month takes over control of management and operations at all the big Scottish airports (a Staff Reporter writes from Glasgow). This comes after the authority's acquisition of Glasgow, Abbotsinch, which reopened last week after being paralysed by the strike of local authority electricians.

Mr Vivian Camacho, Scottish Airports Director, said in Glasgow yesterday that a £25m development programme spread over five years would give Scotland a modern and integrated airport system.

A new runway at Edinburgh should be completed by the turn of the year to give far greater service reliability. With a new terminal, the development would cost £10m. At Abbotsinch £10m would be spent on improved passenger and terminal facilities, while at Dyce Airport, Aberdeen, £6m would be spent on improvements which would triple the airport's capacity.

Mr Camacho said dearer fuel costs had slowed the steady rise in the number of people using Glasgow airport, but the authority was confident they would return. In the past year 3,400,000 people had used the four airports, a slight drop.

The only airport to show a traffic increase in Britain had been Aberdeen.



Festival site rejected: Organizers of the Windsor free pop festival yesterday rejected an offer by the Home Office of a 200-acre site at Bramshott Common, near Haslemere, Surrey. After an inspection of the site yesterday by Mr Sidney Rawle (above, centre) a festival organizer, and a Home Office official (left) accompanied by local protesters against the plan, Mr Rawle said the site, which is owned by the Army, was unsuitable and a fire trap. Mr William Dwyer, another organizer, said: "We are still open to offers, but Bramshott Common is a jungle. The land is covered in gorse and it is too prickly to sit down."

Learning and leisure from oral cassettes

By a Staff Reporter

A range of cassettes to be launched next month will provide for learning and leisure on such subjects as drama, driving, golf, history, cooking and music.

The series, being produced by Times Newspapers Ltd and Phonogram, aims to be the first comprehensive selection of spoken-word cassettes produced in Britain. Writers from the two newspapers and their supplements, as well as musicians, actors and sportsmen, will provide the scripts and commentaries.

In the United States, such cassettes, for learning and entertainment, sell almost as well as music cassettes, and the promoters hope that the same may be true in Britain. The cassettes will run for about an hour and each will cost about £2.95. The first six will be on sale from May 2.

Market plea for theatre museum

By Our Planning Reporter

A strong case for siting the proposed theatre museum in the disused Flower Market in Covent Garden and not in Somerset House is set out in the latest issue of an influential monthly, the *Architectural Review*. The article will strengthen the hand of those who are pressing for the Somerset House galleries to be used for a permanent Turner exhibition.

It suggests that restraints on the use of Somerset House would jeopardize the freedom required for a theatre museum, while practical requirements such as artificial ventilation and lighting would be impossible to fulfil. Because the type of display would often require the surrounding space to be in almost total darkness, the decoration of the rooms would be invisible.

The proposed theatre museum would be an entity in itself, needing administrative offices, storage and research facilities, which Somerset House is incapable of providing but which could easily be accommodated in empty buildings in Covent Garden.

The article adds that, since the Flower Market is in the heart of theatreland, it would make a more suitable location for a theatre museum. It would be welcomed by the GLC and, as the basement of the market is already being rehabilitated for this summer's European Architectural Heritage Year exhibition, it would be possible for the theatre museum to move in afterwards with minimum additional expenditure.

Doctor tells of threats at surgery

Dr John Elliott Dunwoody, former Labour MP for Falmouth and Camborne, complained to a High Court judge yesterday that a doctor's former wife, Mrs Jean Boag, was trying to drive him out of his London surgery.

He complained that she had blocked up drains, smeared mud on doors, threatened him with an axe, and attempted to frighten away patients from his basement surgery at 63 Clapham Common North Side. He said in an affidavit that Mrs Boag once tried to saw through the ceiling of the surgery. The position had become intolerable.

Dr Dunwood said Mrs Boag, former wife of Dr Andrew Boag, occupied the rest of No 63. She thought she should receive rent Dr Dunwoody paid to Dr Boag.

Mr Justice Walters was told that Dr Boag was not living at the house. He, too, was actively discouraged from going there.

The judge banned Mrs Boag from causing noise or disturbance at No 63 so as to cause nuisance to Dr Dunwoody. The injunction, effective until Friday, also restrains her from assaulting Dr Dunwoody and attempting to prevent people from attending his surgery.

New plastics needed for operations

From Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent
York

An urgent need to find new plastics to replace some of the commonly used synthetic materials devised for surgery for drainage tubes, spare part replacements for joints, and heart valves was described at York yesterday by Dr K. Gilding, of the bio-engineering unit at Liverpol University, and Dr M. B. B. Jones, of ICI corporate laboratory. They were speaking at the annual Chemical Congress.

Existing materials have come under examination with evidence that PVC (polyvinylchloride), the mostly widely used synthetic in medicine, contains traces of compounds that are leached into tissues, enter the bloodstream, and cause hepatitis.

Dr Gilding said the alternatives that avoided this were much more expensive. He is part of a team working on a project, known as the joint laboratory, to investigate the synthesis properties and fabrication of materials in general, and polymers in particular, for use in surgery. One long-term idea is to replace an artery, heart valve or other organ in such a way that the body is encouraged to regenerate a new one to take over. Materials can be designed to disappear gradually as the regeneration of tissue occurs.

That is a long way ahead, and appropriate preliminary research has been divided into three phases. First, to refine existing materials; second, to discover more about the interaction between synthetics and the biological tissues and fluids into which they will be put; and third, to concentrate on the processes of regeneration of diseased tissues.

Work on the first category has shown the present difficulties with PVC. Its attraction for surgery lies in the way that a substitute organ can be tailored to match the old one by adding impurities or plasticizers in the PVC, and it is those that can leak out.

Bishop's team to report on exorcisms

A team of 10 has been appointed by the Bishop of Wakefield, Dr Treacy, to investigate the administration of exorcism in the diocese. It is likely to report its findings within six to 12 months and meanwhile all exorcisms in the diocese have been banned.

At Leeds Crown Court last month a man was sent to Broadmoor for killing his wife after an exorcism ceremony. The commission is expected to hold its first meeting next month and one member will be the Rev Donald Baker, Rector of Emley, near Wakefield.

New Nato post for air chief

Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, aged 56, head of RAF Strike Command, is to be Commander in Chief United Kingdom Air Forces, a new post, the RAF said yesterday.

The post, directly in the Nato chain of command, would enable a wide range of RAF aircraft to be transferred more swiftly

Air surcharges on Spanish holidays are cut

An agreement between British Airways and Iberia yesterday has halved proposed surcharges on package holiday flights to Spain.

Instead of increases of up to £17.50, imposed by airlines because of higher costs, package holidaymakers who use seats on scheduled air services will pay increases of between £3 and £8.

The reduced surcharges apply only to British Airways Sovereign holidays. The airlines' Enterprise Holidays and normal scheduled fares to Spain and the Balearic Islands remain unaffected.

The full increase will affect only about a tenth of families taking British Airways holidays to Spain this summer. The new prices take effect from May 16. British Airways said yesterday that brochures were printed last year before air fares for this summer could be settled. Extra costs since then had forced airlines to make adjustments.

Airport charge

Two men are to appear before magistrates at Uxbridge today, charged with stealing Swiss francs valued at £37,475 from a British Airways building at Heathrow airport, London, last Thursday.

Ship's master 'left bridge just before collision'

The master of a ship carrying a highly inflammable cargo was criticized yesterday for leaving the bridge unattended shortly before the vessel collided with an oil tanker.

"It is not a matter of improper navigation but, for a substantial period, a matter of no navigation at all", Mr David Steel, for the Department of Trade, told an inquiry in London.

The collision between the 13,000-ton British Fern and the 700-ton Teviot, carrying liquid ethylene, occurred on the morning of Christmas Eve, 1973, 13 miles off Great Yarmouth.

About five minutes after the collision, Mr Steel said, a radio conversation between the two ships was overheard by Radio Humber.

The conversation went: "British Fern to Teviot: I was taking evading action. Are you holed?" A minute later: "Teviot to British Fern: My fault. I had just left the bridge for five minutes."

Mr Steel said his instructions were to invite the inquiry to suspend the master's certificate of the Teviot's master, Captain Charles Prosser.

Both vessels were carrying dangerous cargoes, he said.

When the collision occurred, the British Fern, sailing from Swansea to Grangemouth, had 41 men on board, and the Teviot, on her way from North Tees to Rotterdam, was carrying eight men.

Mr Steel said Captain Prosser was at fault in failing to maintain a lookout and to comply with regulations about traffic separation.

Mr Steel said the master of the British Fern, Captain Roger Knight, had, like Captain Prosser, been notified that his navigation might be exposed to criticism at the inquiry.

Mr Barry Sheen, QC, for the owners, said that with the press present it was wrong to make allegations until the facts had been established.

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Kenneth Marks, aged 54, MP for Manchester, Gorton, to be parliamentary private secretary to the Prime Minister.

Professor Glyn Daniel to head a new committee to supervise archaeological rescue work in Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Essex.

Mr Pardoe scorns idea of Liberal Party deathbed

By Our Political Staff

Contrary to the opinion of some newspapers, the Liberal Party was not on its deathbed, Mr John Pardoe, MP for Cornwall, North, chairman of the party's standing committee, said last night.

Nor was the party financially bankrupt, he said in Liverpool. Although short of cash, it was nothing like as near to bankruptcy as when he became treasurer six years ago. Then it had an overdraft of £100,000. Today it had no overdraft and was taking prudent action to avoid one.

The so-called Wainwright report, recommending virtual closure of the London headquarters and the concentration of funds on regional organization, was not only a commonsense application of the Liberal policy of devolution but was not even new.

Mr Pardoe said he had made the same proposals in 1968. Because the party heirarchy refused to accept them he resigned after a year as treasurer.

All that was new about the Wainwright report was that this time the party leadership, the parliamentary party, and the executive might support it and take action.

Perhaps at last they were realizing that the people and organization required to run a pale imitation of an establishment party were not those required for a radical crusade to change the face of Britain.

Reduction in maximum jail terms urged

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

Maximum sentences of imprisonment that judges can pass on convicted criminals should be drastically reduced by Parliament, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said yesterday.

Addressing the league's annual meeting in London, he said that the statutory maximum penalties were set absurdly high. "The area of discretion in sentencing is altogether too large", he said.

For offences against property, two years should ordinarily be the maximum sentence. Offences against the person should carry a five-year maximum, except where firearms were actually used (not just carried) when the length would be 10 years.

In homicide cases, if the judge considered five years to be insufficient, a sentence of life imprisonment should be imposed, Mr Blom-Cooper proposed. All determinate sentences should be suspendable. Anyone convicted of conspiracy should be subject to a maximum term of imprisonment of only one and a half times as much as the substantive offence carried.

Mr Blom-Cooper made his suggestions in the context of an address on whether the executive should be given more power to free prisoners during sentences. His thesis is that it would be necessary to give the executive authorities more power over a prisoner's release only if judges continued to pass such long sentences.

If maximum sentences were to be slashed, however, thus reducing the judge's discretion, executive action could be kept to a minimum. "Parole could be reserved only for the life imprisonment cases. Automatic remission might well also be abolished."

He is clear, however, that the judiciary is not capable of instigating a change in its attitude towards levels of sentencing without parliamentary intervention. It had "failed demonstrably to respond to modern views about the role of the penal system". He continued:

"The choice is clear. To those who mistrust the mandarins and their minions in the prison administration and wish to leave sentencing with the judges, untouched largely by executive action, Parliament must urgently intervene on a radical scale to revise the penalties: it might even take the opportunity of making more offences non-imprisonable.

"To those who see no relief by way of contemporary judicial attitudes, the resort to parliamentary action is just as attractive a solution.

"What we cannot do is to retain the status quo, hope for the best and receive inevitably the worst: a constant prison crisis compounded of overcrowded prisons and seething injustice to prisoners and their custodians."

Mr Blom-Cooper accepts, however, that getting Parliament to act on maximum sentences was not immediately attainable. There would have to be a study,

New wage offer may end railway dispute

By Our Labour Staff

Rail union leaders are expected today to call off a two-week-old dispute involving 5,000 railway workship supervisors which is disrupting train services. The move comes after a meeting yesterday between British Rail and the five unions involved, when an improved pay offer was made.

Even if the dispute is called off today, train services are not expected to return to normal until Monday at the earliest, although some improvement is likely by the weekend. After yesterday's two-hour meeting at British Rail headquarters in London, Mr Robert Lloyd, of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and leader of the union negotiating team, said he was optimistic that the executives of the unions involved would accept British Rail's new offer.

The dispute, involving 5,000 supervisory staff in railway workshops, arises from last year's pay organization exercise for all 200,000 railway operating and clerical staff. The supervisors won increases of 6½ per cent on basic rates, together with a reclassification of job grades worth an additional £70 to £145 a year. Union leaders wanted the £145 to be paid to all staff involved, and yesterday British Rail went most of the way to meeting their demands.

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Arbitration call on council pay

By Our Labour Staff

The executive of the General and Municipal Workers' Union yesterday called for arbitration by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service in the dispute over the pay of dustcart drivers, refuse collectors and other local council workers.

Delay likely on doctors' pay decision

By Our Medical Reporter

The Prime Minister has indicated to doctors that the Government is unlikely to be able to reach a decision about the independent review body's recommendations for pay increases for doctors and dentists "within a few days".

Mr Wilson was replying to a letter from Dr Derek Stevenson, secretary of the British Medical Association.

The review body's report, which the profession is confident should recommend pay rises of between 30 and 40 per cent for GPs, hospital consultants and junior hospital doctors, raised more complex issues than the 1974 report, Mr Wilson said.

He added that the doctors' concern about the implications for the National Health Service was fully shared by the Government. He hoped that all concerned would seek to avoid exacerbating the situation while the Government considered the report with all reasonable speed in the light of its responsibilities for the health service and for the community as a whole.

'Inhuman conditions in prison control units'

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

Mr Walter Probyn, described at one time as the most dangerous criminal in Britain, told sociologists and criminologists yesterday of the "inhuman and degrading" conditions to which prisoners were subjected in top-security control units.

Mr Probyn, who was addressing more than a hundred delegates at the National Deviancy Conference, has spent thirty of his 44 years in prison. He said the control units were forerunners of top-security wings like that at Durham, from which he escaped with John McVicar in 1968.

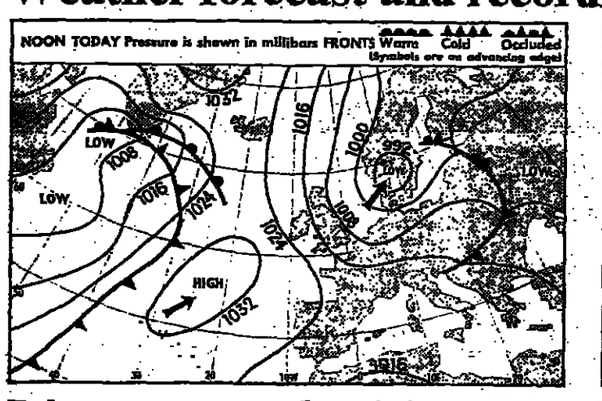
"Control units" are the end product of a series of experiments that have gone on for at least ten years. The experiments were not only physical and psychological control of prisoners, but were also a process of conditioning public acceptance to new methods of control.

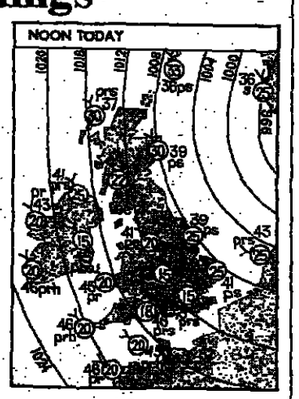
There were two such units in Britain: at Wakefield and Wormwood Scrubs. "They are built to destroy people by sensory deprivation. The walls are smooth, not like normal cells (where you can at least count the bricks), and are painted gloss cream from floor to ceiling to deprive the prisoner of any visual stimulation.

"The windows are 2ft by 3ft, with three sets of bars on them. Behind them is a steel mesh screen, and outside that a white plastic one, making it impossible to see out."

Mr Probyn maintained that conditions inside the units broke rules setting minimum conditions on floor space and ventilation, sleeping accommodation and the rule concerning the use of prisoners in experiments likely to cause physical or mental damage.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.20 am Sun sets: 7.46 pm
Moon rises 5.8 am Moon sets: 5.48 pm

New Moon: April 11.

Lighting up: 8.16 pm to 5.47 am.

High water: London Bridge, 1.23 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 1.50 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Avonmouth, 6.58 am, 11.7m (38.4ft); 7.15 pm, 11.9m (38.9ft). Dover, 10.55 am, 5.9m (19.4ft); 11.13 pm, 6.1m (20.1ft). Hull, 5.50 am, 6.5m (21.3ft); 5.52 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft). Liverpool, 11.1 am, 8.5m (27.8ft); 11.22 pm, 8.5m (27.8ft).

A cold N air stream covers the United Kingdom.

Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S, SW England, S Wales, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny spells, showers of sleet or snow, chiefly in afternoon and evening; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

East Anglia, E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland: Rather cloudy, occasional sleet or snow, some bright intervals; wind N, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Scattered wintry showers in many places at first but probably becoming mostly dry in W areas on Friday; widespread night frost.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 5°C (37°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 81 per cent. Rain, .24hr to 7 pm, .02. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 8.00. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1005.7 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Republic of Ireland 9p. Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 25; Channel Islands, 9p; Denmark, Dkr 2.50; Finland, Fmk 3.50; France, Frs 2.80; Germany, DM 1.50; Greece, Dr 20; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, LF 18; Madeira, Esc 15; Malta, 9p; Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 25; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Switzerland, 9fr 2.50.

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Athens	s	21	70	Copenhgn	r	6	43	Madrid	s	15	59	Reykjavik	c	14	57
Barcelona	s	13	55	Dublin	c	5	41	Majorca	r	15	59	Rome	s	15	59
Beirut	c	26	79	Edinburgh	c	5	41	Malaga	s	17	63	Rostock	c	7	45
Belfast	r	4	39	Florence	c	11	52	Malta	s	17	63	Stockholm	c	7	45
Berlin	hail	6	41	Geneva	r	7	45	Manchstr	sn	4	39	Tel Aviv	c	26	79
Bermuda	c	17	63	Gibraltar	c	17	63	Milan	c	28	82	Toronto	c	11	52
Biarritz	c	13	55	Guernsey	r	7	45	Montreal	c	-6	21	Venice	r	16	61
Birmingham	r	7	45	Innsbruck	s	14	57	Munich	s	10	50	Vienna	s	11	52
Bristol	r	6	43	Istanbul	s	23	73	Naples	c	15	59	Zurich	c	9	48
Brussels	r	9	48	Jersey	c	7	45	New York	s	5	41				
Budapest	r	13	55	Lisbon	s	19	66	Nice	s	15	59				
Chicago	c	6	43	Locarno	s	14	57	Oslo	s	4	39				

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

Sea passages:

S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong or gale; sea very rough.

American retains chess lead with quick draw

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Birmingham

With a quick draw against Mestel in round 11 the American player Matera retained his lead in the Zetters grand master chess tournament in Birmingham yesterday. His score of nine points is enough for the international master title norm. If he scores two more points he will attain the grand master norm.

Other scores are: Malunovic 8½, Mestel and S. Webb 7, and one adjourned. Damjanovic and Haag 7, Jiles 6½ and one adjourned, Blauuer and Janosevic 6½, Gordon and Nunn 6½, Ball, Cheltstorn, and Gosic 5, Gallery 4 and one adjourned, Botterill 3½, Round 11: Cheltstorn 0, Malunovic 1 (English opening); Mestel 1, Waters 0 (Sicilian defence); Miles—S. Webb adj. (English opening); Damjanovic 1, Haag 0 (King's Indian opening); Clarke 0, Ball 1 (QP King's Indian defence); Janosevic 1, Register 0, Kay Lane 1, Botterill 0, Gordon 1, (Scotch game); Caffery 0, Nunn 1, (English opening); Adjourned game, round 10: Matera 1, Damjanovic 0.

Islanders' claim over phosphate mines

A 1,500-acre island in the Pacific will occupy the attention of Mr Justice Megarry in the High Court for the next five weeks. Yesterday he began hearing a claim by representatives of the former inhabitants of Ocean Island against the United Kingdom Government and the British Phosphate Commissioners.

The islanders, known as Banabans, have brought two actions. In the first, expected to last 34 days, they allege that the Government and the commissioners are under an obligation to replant worked-out phosphate mines with food-bearing trees, or pay compensation in lieu.

In the second action the claim is for £22m phosphate royalties.

Mr John Macdonald, for the Banabans, whose motto is Atuara Buokira ("Help us, our God") said the first action was a test case brought by 12 Ocean Island landowners. After the last war, when Ocean Island was occupied by the Japanese, the Islanders were removed to Rabi, 1,600 miles away.

"The Banabans have never given up their homeland", Mr Macdonald told the judge. "They agreed to live on Rabi only because a solemn undertaking was given by her Majesty's Government that they would be able to go back to Ocean Island and not lose any of their rights as landowners."

There were 2,500 Banabans, and, although they realized that the island could not support them all, they were anxious to maintain a settlement there and develop a fishing industry.

The hearing continues today.

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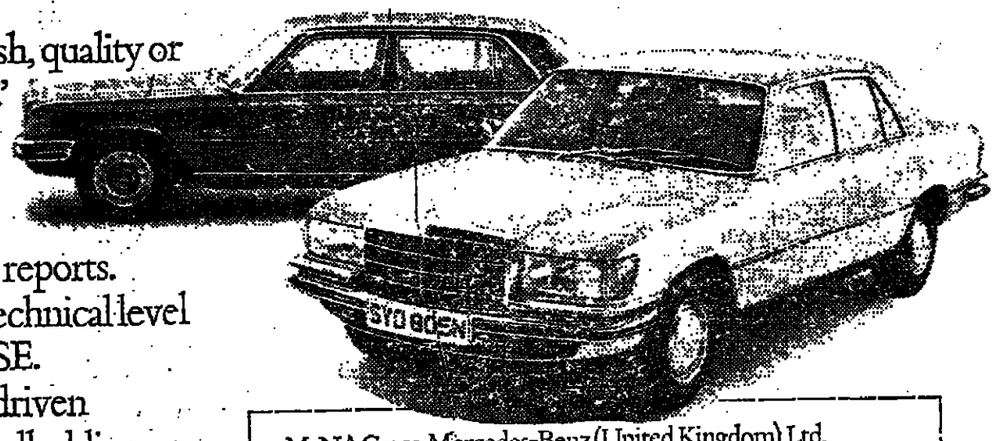
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HOME NEWS

Broad Left dominant in student elections

From David Hencke of *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, Llandudno

The left wing retained control of the National Union of Students in elections yesterday when seven of the top eight positions on the executive fell to the Broad Left coalition of communists, socialists and Labour Party members. The eighth post went to Mr Hugh Lanning, an Independent Socialist, the new national treasurer, who declared himself to be a Marxist at a press conference after his election.

The victory for the Broad Left showed that the much promised shift to moderate candidates and to the Young Liberals failed to occur.

Elections for the five remaining places on the executive will be held today.

The new president is Mr Charles Clarke, aged 24, a Cambridge graduate and son of Sir Richard Clarke, former Permanent Secretary to Mr Wedgwood Benn in the 1966-70 Labour Adminstration. Immediately after his election yesterday at the union conference in Llandudno, he warned the Government that there will be more militancy on campuses this year because of the announcement of reductions in higher education and colleges of education.

He won convincingly on a Broad Left ticket of communists, Labour Party members and non-aligned socialists, against his nearest rival, Mr Terry Povey, aged 27, Trotskyist leader of the International Socialists. Mr Francis Hayden, aged 22, Liberal president of Bristol University, came third. Final figures were: Mr Clarke 352; Mr Povey 223; Mr Hayden 106.

Mr Clarke, a *Tribune* group member who describes himself as a Marxist to the left of Mr Benn, was educated at Highgate School and at King's College, Cambridge.

Mr Alastair Stewart, a Marxist, was reelected deputy president, and Miss Sue Slipman, aged 25, a postgraduate student at London University Institute of Education, was elected national secretary, the first woman to hold a full-time post on the executive. She is a member of the Communist Party.

Mr Hugh Lanning, aged 22, Independent Socialist president of Birmingham Polytechnic Students' Union, was elected national treasurer. The four full-time officers receive salaries of £2,000 a year.

Mr Clarke, a keen chess player, says he is in politics "to change the hearts and minds of thousands of people". His play in his school's chess team, he says, made him aware when he visited other state schools of the inequality of opportunities in his generation.

He is concerned about the standards of education

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The byword for attraction and repulsion remains as archetype of the inexplicable

Modern physics no advance on the Greeks

From Philip Howard
Keele

Magnetism is one of the most mysterious of natural phenomena. When he first observed the strange attraction, Augustine recorded his feelings: "I was vehemently shocked." In a potently attractive paper to the Classical Association conference, which opened here yesterday, Mr Richard Wallace, of Keele University, discussed lodestones and other magnetic phenomena in classical literature.

The subject is complicated partly by the confusion of names that the ancients used for magnets; and partly by the other phenomena that they supposed to work like magnets. Epicurus explained the working of the kidneys and the operation of purges as exactly the same process that he used to explain magnetic attraction. Theophrastus described a magnetic substance called *lingurium*, supposed to be the congealed urine of lynxes; not tame lynxes, unfortunately; apparently only wild ones will do.

The most interesting classical magnet is the fabulous stone called the "Pantarbe". According to Philostratus it is a very small stone, about the size of a fingernail, conceived in the depths of the earth, but so powerful that it bursts out. It is impossible to catch, because it runs away unless you know the appropriate magical rites. It glows with a bright light and attracts everything to it, especially stones.

Mr Wallace, who has been excavating the brains of his colleagues in the geology department, concludes that it may have been some sort of phosphorescent material most likely to be observed in the area of a volcanic eruption.

The ancients also knew a lot about iron oxide, to whose natural form, magnetite, they gave its name. Some of their opinions about its magnetic and repulsive powers were more attractive than accurate. For example, a poem attributed to Orpheus, but probably written in the fourth century AD, asserts that magnetism is an infallible way of finding out whether your wife is faithful to you. Secretly put a magnet under her mattress. If she is chaste, the power of the magnetic remains dormant, and she will sleep peacefully. If not, "if Aphrodite drives her on with lust, she will fall from the bed and be thrown to the ground".

There is a persistent report among the ancient authors that the power of a magnet can be removed by rubbing it with garlic, and restored again by the use of goats' blood. Ptolemy and others tell of the magnetic islands in the Indian Ocean, whose attractive force is so strong that boats have to be built without iron nails if they are to survive.

When it came to explicating magnetic phenomena there were clearly serious difficulties. Plato and Aristotle airily put forward the theory that magnetic attraction could easily be explained: air is displaced from in front of a body, and then displaces more air, which eventually comes round behind the body, and fills the vacated space. It was left to their unfortunate followers to show how that works in practice. Democritus asserted that the magnet and iron are made of similar atoms, which are drawn to each other, like to like. Lucretius explained that many atoms flow from the magnet, and drive away the air between it and the iron, creating an empty space. Into that space the iron atoms are driven, presumably as a result of the continual movement and collision of Epicurean atoms. Galen believed that magnetism worked like the functioning of the organs of the body and the attraction of food to the parts of the body.

Non-philosophical writers tended to attribute some strange form of life to the magnet, and commonly compared it to the attractive power of love:

"Magnes (a young man) from Heraclea,
For whom I long,
It is not iron which is drawn by the stone,
But my heart by your beauty."

The ancients never discovered the magnet's propensity to seek the north, which prevented them from putting forward magnetic power on a cosmic scale as an explanation of the universe. But they used magnetic attraction widely as a useful source of ideas and illustrations and as an example of a typical anomaly and an inexplicable phenomenon.

It may be true that the ancients misunderstood the nature of magnetism, and failed to put forward any convincing explanation of how it worked; on the other hand, so far as explaining magnetism is concerned, a modern physicist is in no better position than his ancient predecessor. We still do not know why magnets work.

EEC REFERENDUM



Farmers blockaded a ferry terminal at Poole, Dorset, yesterday, and turned back a lorry carrying French eggs. They left after receiving a written assurance that no eggs would be landed.

Delay in setting date for poll causes irritation among two rival umbrella organizations

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The two umbrella organizations officially designated to conduct the campaign for and against continued membership of the EEC are being hampered in their advance planning by continued uncertainty about the date of the referendum.

Another big batch of amendments to the Referendum Bill was tabled in the Commons yesterday, and by the time the committee stage is taken on the floor of the House there are likely to be several hundred down for consideration.

The Government has indicated that the argument over the detailed provisions might mean that the date will have to be put off until late June. But the two campaigning organizations, Britain in Europe and the National Referendum Campaign, are making plans on the assumption that voting will take place on Thursday, June 5. They are hoping that when Mr Short, Leader of the House, moves the second reading of the Bill in the Commons tomorrow he will be able to name the day.

Last night, when representatives of the broadcasting authorities met chief whips and leading members of the main political parties at the Commons to settle the pattern of party political broadcasts for the coming year and to discuss the arrangements for referendum broadcasts, Mr Short could not give a firm date.

That is an inconvenience to the programme planners but there has already been a discussion between the broadcasters and the two umbrella organizations about the pattern of referendum broadcasts. Last night, apparently, there was a difference of opinion about the amount of time to be allocated, and about the handling of the arrangements. The Scottish nationalists are said to be taking a strong line in favour of separate time allocations to the nationalists in Scotland and Wales.

The Government had hoped that the arrangements could be left in the hands of Britain in Europe and the National Referendum Campaign, but that tidy scheme is apparently not acceptable.

According to one campaign organizer, the broadcasting authorities have offered 40 minutes of television time for each side during the actual referendum period, although there would be the normal news coverage of the campaign, and current affairs programmes explaining the issues.

The broadcasters would like the time to be used in transmissions of 10 minutes, even 15 minutes, but the publicists for and against EEC membership believe that their case is so difficult to explain to the man in the street that it would be better to deal with particular aspects of membership in short broadcasts of, say, five minutes' duration.

In the latest amendments, Mr Short fulfils a promise to include provisions allowing members of the Armed Forces and their spouses to vote in the referendum, and efforts will be made by Conservatives to extend that to people on holiday or working abroad.

Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife, Central, who is pro-EEC, has tabled an amendment to include a second question on the ballot paper. It is: "Do you wish this decision on continued United Kingdom membership of the EEC to be left to the free vote of Parliament?"

His object is to ensure that the ultimate decision, if the vote on the main question produces a majority for coming out, would rest with Parliament, where MPs would have the same freedom as they had when the Commons voted in favour of the principle of entering the EEC on October 18, 1971.

Mr Hamilton also wants the vote to be available to people on holiday and to all who would be "otherwise disfranchised in a normal general election". He will also propose that the amounts to be made available to Britain in Europe and the National Referendum Campaign to cover campaign expenses should be increased from £125,000 each to £500,000 each.

Two Conservatives, Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne) and Mr Michael Marshall (Arundle) will propose that both Houses should adjourn for "14 days before the date of the referendum and expiring on the day following the results of the referendum". They will also propose that the referendum should be consultative only, and in no way binding on the Government or any members of the Lords or Commons.

The same MPs, joined by Mr Tom Arnold, Conservative MP for Hazel Grove, have tabled an amendment to permit proxy votes for people at sea or abroad on voting day, and to allow postal votes to those on holiday within the United Kingdom. A group of five Labour MPs, including Mr Norman Buchan (Renfrewshire, West), a former minister, are proposing that there should be area counting: in Greater London, every county in England (with special arrangements for Cornwall, Isles of Scilly, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight), every county in Wales, every county in Scotland except the Highland region (which would have a separate count); and Northern Ireland.

Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Melton, puts forward a revised question for the ballot paper. After an explanation of the Cabinet's decision, and the fact that some ministers dissent, he wants the question put: "Do you agree that the United Kingdom should honour its existing treaty commitments, as negotiated by the previous government and endorsed by a majority of both Houses of Parliament at the time, and remain a member of the European Community?"

Mr David Steel, Liberal Chief Whip, last night rejected bluntly a request by Mr Roy Douglas, leader of the group of Liberals pledged to take Britain out, that the party should be "neutralized" during the referendum campaign.

Mr Wilson harried by backbench rebels

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there was a referendum campaign, a totally different order, and ministers had the unprecedented offer of the agreement to differ in the campaign. The precedent was inapplicable to the present situation.

When Mr Wilson sat down at the end of his question time, Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham, West, and one of the few procedural specialists now in the House, seized his opportunity to raise a point of privilege with the Speaker. He argued that there could be no more complete derogation from the rights of the House than to say, as the ministerial rules said, that members might speak outside it but not in it. The wording of the rules, so far as they related to the House, represented a contempt. The Speaker said he would rule upon the application today.

Mr Benn did not leave all the anti-EEC struggle to Mr Heffer and Mr Ashton. There is good reason to believe that he equally resents the Cabinet muzzle. He attended a meeting of the executive of the National Union of Railwaymen in London yesterday and, without breaching the rules, launched an anti-EEC campaign in a sweeping fashion that would reduce the Government's White Paper to nonsense. He said:

The case against British membership of the EEC can be simply stated. It is this:

1. The Common Market is a developing political federation, step up under treaties that entrench the privileges of the rich and the powerful and protect the interests of big business, and is administered by a commission that is neither elected by, nor answerable to, the people. It has the power to govern.

2. If the British people can be persuaded to vote for continued British membership of that sort of European set-up, we shall by a single vote on a single day be throwing away both Britain's national independence and our right to govern ourselves democratically. Such a decision would be a tragic error.

3. The Common Market referendum is certainly the most important single political decision that the British people have ever taken in our long history. Indeed, it is the first decision on any political issue we have ever been allowed to take directly ourselves. Because this is such a big decision we must discuss it gravely and seriously, entirely free from any form of personal attacks or petty debating points.

4. I do not question that those who are arguing for continued British membership of the Common Market are high-minded, sincere, and deeply committed to their view, and it should be no part of our purpose to suggest otherwise. But there must be no doubt that we are campaigning to win a massive majority of the British people for British withdrawal and for national independence and parliamentary democracy.

Terrorist in bank raid jailed for 12 years

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh

A young man who took part in an £8,000 bank robbery to get funds for the "Army of the Provisional Government", a Scottish terrorist organization committed to violence and sabotage, was jailed at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday for 12 years. Two other men who took part in the raid for personal gain were each jailed for nine years.

Passing the 12-year sentence on Michael Fairlie, aged 22, of Perth, Lord Wheatley, the Lord Justice-Clerk, said: "Political motivation for change is one thing, but political motivation which finds expression in acts to disrupt by physical violence the way of life of our country is quite another."

Mr Hugh Morton, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Fairlie became a member of the Army of the Provisional Government (APG) after attending a nationalist rally in Bannockburn last year.

Mr Fairlie had admitted forming a conspiracy to rob banks and break into explosives magazines and military establishments with intent to steal. He also admitted robbing the Royal Bank of Scotland in Springburn Road, Glasgow, of £8,040 on January 21 this year.

The court was told that the raiders put a shotgun against a woman customer's back and threatened to shoot her unless money was handed over.

Mr Donald Booker-Milburn, for the defence of Mr Fairlie, said he began to realize that there were criminal overtones in the activities he was carrying on under orders from "people higher up". He confided to his sister that he wanted to get out, but that he had been told the only way out was a "bullet through the head".

The other two raiders, who admitted the robbery but not the conspiracy, were Robert Berwick, aged 24, and Alistair Coventry, aged 21, both of Perth.

In brief

Viewers urged not to pay

Owners of colour television sets who bought licences in advance to avoid paying the increased fee from April 1 were urged yesterday not to pay the extra £6 being demanded.

The National Consumer Protection Council said the Home Office's action in threatening to revoke the licences was appalling, high-handed, unfair and grossly intimidating. There was no law saying licences could not be bought in advance, the council added.

Distinguished speaker

Mr Elliot Richardson, the American Ambassador to Britain and former United States Attorney-General, is to give the "distinguished speaker's address" at the silver jubilee conference of the Law Society of Scotland in May.

Baby starved to death

Paul Elliott, aged 10 months, of Chatham Avenue, Shoreditch, London, died from pneumonia caused by malnutrition, an inquest at St Pancras was told yesterday. A woman has been charged with his manslaughter.

Four in sea rescue

Two women and two men suffering from severe sea sickness were rescued from a yacht in rough seas by HMS Sheffield yesterday, 35 miles off Selsey Bill, Sussex.

Charity raises £3.75m

Help the Aged, the charity for the elderly, raised £3.75m last year, £1m more than in 1973, the charity's annual report disclosed yesterday. Last year it completed 979 flats.

15 years in the post

A letter posted 15 years ago in Iran has just arrived at its destination in Peterborough, addressed to Linda Mould. Her parents have forwarded it to her in Germany.

Ship strikes bridge

A petrol tanker ship, the 300-ton London Star, collided with Battersea Bridge, London, yesterday. No one was hurt but much of the ship's bridge was ripped away.

Goods worth £250,000 lost in 'fiddle' by gang

The operators of a "fiddle" at British Rail and British Road Services parcel depots, who got away with goods estimated to be worth at least £250,000, were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to terms of imprisonment of between 15 and 30 months.

Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for the prosecution, said the ringleaders were two brothers, John and Richard Pickard, who were employed at depots in London.

They kept stocks of labels on which they had printed a false name and an address used as a pick-up point. When consignments that seemed valuable arrived at the depots, the labels were stuck over the genuine names and addresses of the sender and consignee. The parcel was left to take its normal course in the delivery system.

Thus the facilities of British Rail and British Road Services were used for delivering the goods to premises rented by the gang leaders under false names.

Dishonest handlers collected the goods and sold them as bargains in public houses and on market stall. The stolen goods included women's pants, men's shorts, trousers, dictation machines, typewriters, and stereo equipment.

British Rail bore the brunt of the estimated loss, counsel continued. The fiddle was so ingenious that it was difficult to detect, despite close security.

"Had it continued for another six months, I doubt whether we could have discovered it at all, because the system would have been perfected", he added.

In the dock were Mark Anthony Ayton, aged 26, a decorator, of Bolton Road, Hornsey (jailed for 15 months); Joseph King, aged 42, a general dealer, of Clapton, London (jailed for 18 months); Greville Penfold, aged 26, a haulage contractor, of Hainault, Essex (18 months); Raymond Guest, aged 27, unemployed, of Cannonbury Court, Islington (15 months); Micha Sackman, aged 29, of Southmoor Way, Homerton, London (18 months); and Richard Pickard, aged 21, unemployed, of Woodland Gardens, Muswell Hill, London (30 months).

John Pickard, aged 21, a general trader, who was alleged to have been the "mastermind", of Woodland Gardens, Muswell Hill, failed to appear for trial. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Widow starved to death on 'health' diet

From Our Correspondent
Blackpool

A widow who became "addicted to health foods" starved to death on a diet of tiny portions of cottage cheese, crispbread and honey, with senna pods in her tea, a coroner was told yesterday.

When Mrs Susan Saxon, aged 58, of Westby Street, Lytham, was admitted to hospital she weighed 5st, half the weight she should have been, and was extremely emaciated, a pathologist said at the inquest at Blackpool. Her death was due to malnutrition and hypothermia.

A friend, Mrs Kathleen Mercalfe, of Elswick Place, St Anne's, said Mrs Saxon developed a phobia about getting fat and became addicted to health foods. Despite advice she would not touch ordinary food.

A neighbour took in food the day before Mrs Saxon collapsed but she could not eat it.

Mr John Budd, the coroner, recorded a verdict of death from malnutrition aggravated by self-neglect after hearing that Mrs Saxon had no money difficulties and that electric radiators were available

Europe 'No' slogan proposed for Labour

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Pro-Europeans in the Labour Party are likely to be infuriated by a decision taken at yesterday's meeting of the party's publicity committee to instruct the publicity department to draw up a slogan containing the phrase "Labour Party says 'No' to Europe" or "Labour Party says 'No' to Common Market."

Although the decision will need to be ratified by the full national executive, the pro-Europeans will complain that such a slogan is at best not a true reflection of feelings throughout the movement.

The party will not prepare the leaflets for distribution until the result of the special conference on April 26 is known, but Mr Hayward, general secretary, told the committee: "We are realists at Transport House."

The publicity committee, like most of the party's sub-committees, is dominated by the left. Of the five who attended yesterday, only one, Mr Sidney Weighell, of the National Union of Railwaymen, is outside the anti-European camp.

While accepting the national executive's decision that Transport House should distribute speeches from those in favour of the EEC and those opposed to it, the publicity committee agreed that a poster, a broadsheet and leaflets should be prepared containing the slogan in readiness for the expected special party conference vote. These will be distributed to constituency parties who request them.

The party's international committee yesterday adopted a tougher line than its sister home policy committee the previous day, by deciding to recommend to the national executive that copies of the Government's White Paper should not be distributed to delegates to the party conference. The home policy committee recommended that copies should be distributed.

Irish fishing protest

Nearly 10,000 fishermen in the Irish Republic joined a strike yesterday in protest against cheap fish imports from non-EEC countries.

Callaghan denial of threat to deputy chief whip

Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, yesterday denied reports that he had threatened or questioned the political future of Mr Walter Harrison, Government Deputy Chief Whip, if he did not toe the line in tonight's division on the renegotiation White Paper.

Mr Harrison, who is strongly opposed to Britain's membership of the EEC, last night published a statement concurring with that view of the incident.

Nevertheless, Westminster is rife with hints that heavy party managerial pressures are being brought to bear on ministers either to vote with the Government or tactically to abstain.

It is manifestly in the interests of Mr Wilson and his party managers to do all they can to prevent division figures tonight that would reveal the Cabinet majority's dependence on Conservative votes to carry their White Paper against backbench Labour opposition.

Mr Mulley, Minister for Transport and the chairman-designate of Labour's special party conference on the referendum, announced last night that he will be absent from Westminster for the vote. He is obviously concerned to preserve his neutrality as party chairman.

Foreign Secretary for Dublin EEC meeting

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, flies to Dublin this weekend for a meeting of the European Community's foreign ministers. Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister, will be host.

These occasions are sociable and informal, the idea being that the ministers can chat over the weekend about general issues of foreign affairs, as they affect the Community. Officials are not invited, but wives go along.

Despite the relaxed style of these meetings, or perhaps because of it, some useful work is accomplished. At the meeting in Germany last spring, for instance, Mr Callaghan was able to sound out his colleagues on what they meant by "European union" and satisfy himself that this noble but as yet undefined concept was acceptable to Labour Party policy.

On this occasion, the foreign ministers probably will want to discuss the prospects for the final stage of the European security conference. In this connexion, Mr Callaghan will no doubt brief his partners on his suggestion for a summit meeting of Nato in May, which he raised recently with Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State.

He may also take the opportunity to discuss the coming meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers. Britain is taking the lead in promoting discussion on how to improve relations with the states producing oil and raw materials, and is keeping in touch with the Brussels Commission on the issues involved.

Small cigarettes may be dearer

Some cigarette prices will increase if Britain remains in the EEC, Mr Clifford Woollas, national vice-president of the National Union of Retail Tobacconists, said in Bradford yesterday. Changes in the tax system which are due to be introduced next year would mean dearer smaller cigarettes and cheaper kingsize brands.

Cigarettes are now taxed in Britain according to tobacco content. In 1976, the tax would be calculated on the number of cigarettes in a packet.

MP fears end to Arab investment

The Arabs and other nations would immediately remove their money if Britain voted to leave the EEC, Mr Ian Grist, MP for Cardiff, North, yesterday told Welshpool Conservative Club.

"Drastic measures to save the situation would be inevitable. The whole gamut of controls from rationing to coupons and dockets would have to be revived", he added.

Couple accused of stealing two children

A couple accused of stealing two children were committed at Birmingham Magistrates' Court yesterday on bail for trial at Birmingham Crown Court. Mr D. T. Hallchurch, the magistrate, was told that their parents had not seen the children, aged four and five, for 18 months.

Joyce Ade Oremade, aged 31, and Olu Oremade, aged 33, both of Hindmann Road, East Dulwich, London, were charged with child-stealing. The children's mother, Mrs Guthrie, lived in rented accommodation owned by the Oremades in Stoney Lane, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

At an earlier hearing reporting restrictions were lifted.

'Bleepers' in London

The Post Office is extending its pocket "bleeper" telephone service to London next year, and hopes it may be the first step towards national coverage.

RAC urges protest

The RAC yesterday urged motorists to protest to their MPs against increases in the cost of motoring in the Budget next Tuesday because they pay nearly £3 a week in tax.

Police adamant on complaint procedure

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Police determination to preserve the authority of chief constables is causing Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, difficulties over the investigation of complaints against the police.

It was expected that by now a new procedure, incorporating an independent element, would have been announced. The delay, caused by attempts to reconcile opposing viewpoints, is causing anxiety among MPs.

The difficulty is to reconcile the presence of outsiders with the independence of a chief constable. It is felt that morale in the police service, already short of men, would suffer if officers felt police operations were exposed to outside pressures.

The police are not against the incorporation of an independent body but question how that will be done and what powers it should have.

It seems at present that the investigation will remain in the hands of the police. The outside body would be involved in decisions which might follow.

One idea is that the police should still initially decide whether a case should be subject to a disciplinary hearing; but any case which they felt should not be would go to a commission. The commission would decide whether the case should be dealt with by the chief constable.

If it was a case of public importance or likely to have local repercussions, the commission would refer it to a tribunal, consisting of the chief constable and two assessors.

Police chiefs are anxious lest a chief constable would have to submit to a majority vote and thus lose authority over his force.

One way out would be for the assessors to serve in an advisory capacity. That would hardly satisfy the more outspoken critics of the present system. To them the police would remain judges in their own cases.

Woman on £15,000 charge

A further charge was preferred at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, against Mrs Pearl Wilkins, aged 33, a director, of Logmore Green Farm, Westcott, Surrey, who appeared on remand accused of conspiracy to obtain by deception £15,000 from John Eyre.

She was now charged with conspiring with her husband, Joseph Wilkins, aged 39, a director and horse breeder, and with Walter Birch, aged 41, a director, of Effra Road, Brixton, that the two men should live off prostitution between February, 1974, and February this year.

She was further remanded on bail until April 22, with a condition she does not communicate with any person connected with the escort agencies Glamour International, Playboy Escort, Eve Escort and La Femme.

Asians ask for new minister

The appointment of a Minister for Community Relations, attached to the Department of Social Security and not the Home Office, was urged yesterday in a memorandum to Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary.

It came from Dr Dhani Prem, president of the Standing Conference of Asian Organizations in the United Kingdom, which also wants tougher laws on racial discrimination.

Attempt to reverse AUEW's attitude

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Right-wingers in Britain's second largest trade union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, will try to reverse its total opposition to continued membership of the EEC at its policy-making conference in two weeks' time.

The union's executive committee, which has a majority against membership, decided yesterday to urge that the debate on the EEC should be taken in the first week of the conference, before the special Labour Party conference on April 26. But the executive will make no recommendation and will leave it to the conference to decide if the policy should be changed.

The union wields a block vote of 800,000 at the Labour Party conference, and a change of policy would have a significant effect. Of other big unions, the Transport and General Workers' has left no doubt that it will vote against membership; the executive of the General and Municipal Workers' decided yesterday to put off making a decision.

After elections to the national committee of the AUEW, moderates can this year expect a majority of 28 votes to 24, but some are likely to side with the left wing on the market issue.

There is also dissatisfaction in the AUEW executive with some aspects of the recent pay offer by the Engineering Employers' Federation.

The offer, which gives increases of 30 per cent on basic rates, will be discussed by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in York tomorrow

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17th March 1975

The Rt Hon. Lord Beswick
Department of Trade and Industry
Millbank Tower
Millbank
London SW1

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of the 14th March 1975 referring to the meeting which Shop Steward and Management representatives had with you on the 11th March.

At that, our first meeting, you said -

1) "I admire the way you have put your case - I think you have a case."

2) "If you had been the only Company I do not think the question of public ownership would have arisen."

3) "But obviously as far as your men are concerned they are not going to get the improvements which I hope will come from this change elsewhere."

At that meeting you answered none of the questions raised by Shop Steward representatives. Nor have you in your letter.

You have made no mention of the ways in which we would maintain or improve the service to our customers - our lifeblood. May we remind you that 80% of our wages depend on ships specially diverting to us, and 62% on foreign owned ships - exports?

You accuse us of creating anxiety in the minds of our workforce. It is the Government which has created this anxiety by announcing plans to nationalise us without explaining the practical and specific ways in which they would benefit us. May we remind you that we live in South Wales? Steel closures, railway closures, pit closures have all followed nationalisation. Our six yards have an average of under 100 people. They are spread out over about 70 miles. What notice, however regionalised, can a corporation employing over 25,000 men take of such a minnow hundreds of miles from Head Office? You answer none of our questions and fears. You give us instead an 'assurance' which could mean anything or nothing.

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You said that you hoped you could bring up the other Yards to our standard. May we remind you, once again, of the consequences that follow putting some good apples in a basket of bad apples.

You have made no comment on the inconsistency of legal drafters choosing a cut-off point that includes all our Yards simply because they are rationalised, but excludes yards which employ more than any one of ours. You have made no comment on the fact that because we are so small our exclusion would in no way dilute the purpose or principle of the nationalisation proposals.

You have made no comment on our willingness to work with you through planning agreements, or on our offer to you to take a shareholding in our future.

You have made no comment whatsoever on our suggestion that a referendum on nationalisation be held in our Yards.

We request as of right an immediate meeting with you and Mr Benn with Shop Steward and Management representatives to obtain specific and practical answers to our questions before our Company is referred to in any Government announcement or Bill.

How do you expect us, Management and Employees, to react when our requests for information go unheeded? We need this information for our consideration so we can make up our minds.

The Management and Shop Steward representatives who were at our meeting on the 11th March and who are co-signatories to this letter have been in Shiprepairing all their lives.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed by)

Management Representatives,

Chairman, Shop Stewards Committee,

Vice-Chairman, Shop Stewards Committee.

I agree with the attached letter and the request for an urgent meeting with Mr. Benn and Lord Beswick to give us the specific and practical answers to our questions.

Over 75% of us, the employees of Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, have signed this petition.

We want to know what benefits nationalisation will bring us.

We want to know what benefits it will bring our customers— our wages depend on attracting them to South Wales.

Then we can decide for ourselves.

Bristol Channel Ship Repairers Ltd.

Tell us of any benefits. Then let us decide.

WEST EUROPE

Portuguese regime decides to place curbs on US base

From Nicholas Ashford
Lisbon, April 8

Portugal will not allow the American base in the Azores to be used against the Arab countries in the event of a renewed outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, Brigadier *Vasco Gonçalves*, the Portuguese Prime Minister, said here today. He also spoke of *the possibility of an economic* boycott by capitalist countries which disapproved of recent political developments in Portugal.

The future of the Lajes base, which was used during the airlift of military supplies to Israel during the 1973 Middle East war, has been under discussion for some time. Brigadier Gonçalves said that a number of European countries had denied landing facilities to United States aircraft during the 1973 conflict and that similar action by Portugal would not therefore be unusual.

Under the present treaty there is no provision for the United States to consult Portugal in advance over the use of the base. In the opinion of Western observers here the Portuguese would be unlikely to take any action forcibly to prevent the Americans from landing there should a Middle East war break out before a new treaty had been negotiated.

Brigadier Goncalves was addressing an international press conference, the first he has held since coming to office nine months ago, at the Gulbenkian Foundation art museum in Lisbon where a press centre has been established for the duration of the election campaign.

During the conference Brigadier Goncalves answered questions, most of which had been submitted in advance, on the political situation, Portugal's foreign relations, decolonization and the economy. He also made several critical references about the foreign press which he accused of slandering Portugal and of publishing false reports about the situation in the country.

Questioned about his reference to a possible boycott, Brigadier Goncalves said that a number of multinational companies had already withdrawn from Portugal "with no reason". Herr von Hassel, the vice-president of the West German Bundestag, had also said during a visit that conditions were not suitable for foreign investment.

Brigadier Goncalves, like a number of other Portuguese leaders, has expressed fears that "economic sabotage" could create conditions in Portugal similar to those which contributed to the downfall of the Allende regime in Chile.

He reiterated his country's determination to abide by existing treaties, including its commitments to Nato. It would be up to the people and not the provisional Government to decide in the future whether the country would remain in the alliance or not, he said. Portugal wanted peaceful coexistence with all countries but would not tolerate foreign interference.

During his two-hour discourse Brigadier Gonçalves, who is one of the more radical members of the ruling Armed Forces Movement, adopted a more moderate tone than during some of his television broadcasts. He said the aim of the movement and the "progressive" political parties was to establish socialism, but he emphasized that this could not be done overnight.

"We must achieve this aim with the least possible disturbance", he said. The bourgeoisie, as well as the working class, was necessary "to help transform our country."

He described Portugal as the nation which enjoyed "the most freedom in the whole of Europe". In spite of the coup attempts on September 28 and March 11 no curfews or states of siege had been imposed. The recent nationalization of banks and insurance companies had been carried out "in a climate of complete freedom". The number of heavily armed troops round the press centre, however, cast some doubt on the matter.

The brigadier did not refer to the political prisoners held in jails whose numbers exceed considerably those held under the previous regime. A meeting of the general assembly of the Armed Forces Movement decided last night that people arrested for complicity in the March 11 coup attempt would be tried by a revolutionary military tribunal. It ruled out the possibility of the death penalty, however.

Brigadier Goncalves said the constitutional proposals prepared by the Supreme Revolutionary Council would, in effect, place the country under military rule for the next three to five years. It would be signed by the political parties this week.

The proposals "guaranteed the revolutionary process which was already under way in Portugal". "We must not lose through the election what we have gained since April 25", he added.

The brigadier made it clear that the present left-wing provisional Government would remain in office whatever the result of the forthcoming elections for a constituent assembly.

"The constituent assembly has one objective, and the provisional Government has another", he said.



Members of the crew of the Icelandic gunboat Thor study a Russian underwater detection device which was found washed ashore on Iceland's west coast.

French admit wine ban flouts rules

From David Cross
Brussels, April 8

More than 60 wine growers from the south of France demonstrated today at EEC headquarters in Brussels, where leading figures in the Franco-Italian wine dispute were meeting to discuss their differences.

The protest was good-natured and restricted to the handing out of tracts outlining the growers' main grievances. They maintained that 80 per cent of their harvest last year was still unsold and that their income had fallen by 30 per cent in the past two years. A small group met Mr Pierre Lardinois the European commissioner for agriculture, to explain their problems.

After earlier discussions with Mr Lardinois, Signor Giovanni Marcora, the Italian Minister of Agriculture, told journalists that a precondition for further discussions on the difficulties facing Community wine growers must be an end to French import restrictions on Italian wine. A four-week ban introduced by the French last month in defiance of the Community's free trade rules already has led to an Italian boycott of French cheeses and could spread to other food products.

M Christian Bonnet, the French Minister of Agriculture, conceded for the first time today that the import ban infringed Community rules. In the past his Government has maintained that the restrictions were a private affair, involving only wine traders. He made it clear that the ban would be lifted as soon as the Community found ways of disposing of its 500 million gallon wine surplus.

Today's three-cornered meeting was in preparation for an emergency session of all the Nine's ministers of agriculture in Luxembourg next Tuesday. The most likely outcome then is an agreement to reduce the Community's wine surplus by distilling some of it into alcohol.

The EEC already has decided to treat about 100 million gallons of wine in this way at a cost of some £20m. A further similar operation could well emerge from next week's talks.

Meanwhile, the Commission is still considering legal action against the French Government for a breach of EEC rules before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg; but M Bonnet told journalists today that he doubted whether a legal case would in fact go ahead because of the short time between now and next week's talks.

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Nuclear test critic takes French Navy to court

From Richard Wigg
Paris, April 8

Mr James McTaggart, a Canadian, aged 42, who sailed his yacht as a protest into the French nuclear test zone in the Pacific in 1972 and again in 1973, today opened proceedings against the French Navy in a Paris court.

The case arises from the forcible expulsion of his yacht, Greenpeace 3, from the danger zone around the Mururoa atoll. The three heads of the charges are illegal boarding, physical attack by French sailors on the plaintiff and his crew, and infringement of the right of free navigation on the high seas.

"No one asked Mr McTaggart to go sailing into the South Pacific. He knowingly accepted those risks, for his act was intended as provocation against the French Navy," Maitre Jean Gallot, the Treasury barrister, told the three judges.

Counsel agreed that the law was very uncertain outside the 12-mile limit. But, he said, from August, 1973 the French Defence Minister could base his ban on foreign shipping on a legal French Government decree.

Judge Bertin, who presided over the court, promptly asked: "But is this decree valid in international law?"

Me Gallot replied that since Mr McTaggart had not gone to the Conseil d'État, France's highest administrative court, he could not dispute the decree's applicability in principle. The Conseil d'État had, however, already ruled that the boarding of foreign vessels on the high seas had to be seen as military acts of a sovereign government which could not be the subject of actions for damages.

An international convention on the high seas, dating from 1956 (which he admitted France had not signed), laid upon governments the duty of taking "protective measures" against nuclear pollution risks.

Protest over colour TV for crisis-ridden Italy

From Our Correspondent
Rome, April 8

A lively debate has broken out over whether Italians should be encouraged to buy expensive colour television sets in the midst of the country's worst economic crisis since the Second World War.

Last week the High Council for Telecommunications came out in favour of the West German PAL colour system, and their choice is being submitted to the Government's interministerial committee for economic planning for final decision. It is most unlikely that the committee will go against the High Council's advice.

Although most people appear to favour the PAL system, a chorus of protest has been raised by the timing of the decision. The protests were led by Signor Ugo La Malfa, the Deputy Prime Minister and chairman of the Republican Party, who is an eminent economist. "How can we continue to ask Italians to make all kinds of sacrifices and then encourage them to buy this extremely expensive luxury?" he asked.

Signor La Malfa recalled in an interview with the *Corriere della Sera* that the decision between PAL and the French-Soviet Secam system was postponed two years ago partly to discourage unnecessary spending. "Seeing that the economic situation is even worse than it was two years ago, we cannot change our minds," he said.

He is supported by many left-wing politicians and trade unionists, but is opposed by the Liberal Party and representatives of Italian industry anxious to get the electronics sector, which has suffered heavily because of the delayed decision, back on its feet.

Signor Franco Mattei, head of the Federation of Italian Industries, maintained that Italians were capable of deciding for themselves what they could or could not afford without being guided from above.

Meanwhile, a spokesman at the Italian broadcasting company RAI indicated that the debate was largely academic, at least for the time being. The company had experimented with the various systems, but it would be some time before it could start colour transmissions and even then they would reach only part of the country, part of the time.

19 hurt in battle to evict Amsterdam squatters

Amsterdam, April 8.—Nineteen people were injured today when riot police using tear gas, armoured cars and water cannon, clashed with hundreds of stone-throwing demonstrators who tore up brick roads and wrecked parked cars in the city centre.

The battle began when police forced their way into nine barricaded houses in the shabby Nieuwmarkt district of the old town which are to be demolished to make way for an underground railway.

Police used bulldozers to break down street barricades of old cars filled with sand and boulders, built by dozens of squatters living in the houses.

Armoured cars were used to smash down front doors barred with steel sheeting and old bedsteads, and police fought their way to the roofs of the three-storey buildings through a hail of stones thrown by squatters.

About 300 demonstrators in two groups then left the cordoned area and roamed through the city centre. They ripped up road bricks and hurled them at parked cars. Nails were thrown on roads

Police dispersed the groups with tear gas and baton charges. Sixteen demonstrators and three policemen were hurt but only one arrest was made.

Fifteen days ago riot squads used armoured cars and water cannon to evict about 30 people in the same area. Similar demonstrations took place and 30 people were injured

For today's action the local police force was reinforced by 300 state policemen and 200 members of the Royal Constabulary who arrived yesterday.

The underground line, Amsterdam's first, will run 11 miles from the central railway station to a new suburb.

Residents of the Nieumarkt district have been protesting since before construction started in 1970. Many moved from the area, leaving vacant homes which squatters took over. So far about 200 houses have been razed.—Reuter, *UPI*.

Moroccans hold Spanish fishermen at gunpoint

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 8

The crew of a Moroccan naval patrol launch warded off Spanish gunboars by holding six Spanish fishermen at gunpoint, according to a Government report published in Madrid today. The Foreign Ministry said that a destroyer and a corvette went to the rescue of the crew of six on a Spanish fishing vessel yesterday after it was captured by the patrol launch, allegedly outside Moroccan territorial waters.

The destroyer overtook the Moroccan launch and the Spanish vessel, and managed to take custody of the latter, which at that time was manned by two Moroccan sailors. They were taken prisoner.

However, the captain of the fishing boat, who was on board the Moroccan patrol launch with his crew apparently advised the Spanish naval craft that they were being held at gunpoint, and if the warships did not leave the area, he and his men might be killed.

The destroyer and corvette then returned to Cadiz with the fishing boat and the two Moroccan prisoners. The Spanish Foreign Ministry, in its report, referred to the affair as "lamentable".

Spanish industrialist faces 1,290-year jail sentence

Madrid, April 8.—One of Spain's wealthiest industrialists and seven other people went on trial today for their alleged parts in a vast financial scandal.

The case, dating from the 1960s, turns round an alleged scheme to milk the Government of about £75m in loans and tax rebates to subsidize bogus exports of textile machinery. The trial, which carries political overtones, opened at the Madrid provincial court.

The prosecution asked that Señor Juan Vila Reyes, President of the Maquinaria Textil del Norte de España (Matesa), a textile machine company, be found guilty on 417 counts of perjury, four counts of fraud and three of bribery. The maximum sentence would be a total of 1,290 years in jail, of which he would have to serve a maximum of 27.

Lesser penalties were asked for three Matesa executives and four former officials of the state-controlled Industrial Credit Bank.

The scandal has been a political issue since the Matesa bubble burst during an internal fight in General Franco's Government in 1969. At that time it led to a reshuffle of the Cabinet.

There have been repeated public accusations of involvement in high places. Three former Cabinet ministers indicted for criminal negligence in connexion with the Matesa scandal had their cases quashed by an amnesty which General Franco declared in 1971.

According to the indictment, Matesa obtained the export loans and tax rebates for 13,450 mechanical looms which it neither manufactured nor exported. The swindle was engineered by paying bribes to officials of the Industrial Credit Bank, from which the loans were obtained, the indictment said.—*UPI*.

Aznavour faces proceedings in currency case

Paris, April 8.—Proceedings are under way against Charles Aznavour, the French singer in connexion with an alleged illegal transfer of about 5m francs (£500,000) to Switzerland, court officials disclosed today.

Mr Aznavour, who is 50, is alleged to have used his position as a Swiss resident to escape taxes in France. He has built a luxury home at the resort of Crans-sur-Sierre and is alleged to have set up fictitious companies to help with tax evasion.

Court officials that his accounts had already been seized and that the investigating magistrate was also inquiring into the singer's decision to move two boats, worth 250,000 francs and 400,000 francs respectively, to Switzerland.—Agence France-Presse.

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General Weyand says Saigon will fight but needs US help

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 8

The United States Army's leading general today tentatively suggested that the South Vietnamese forces would fight—but the country could not survive without further American military aid.

General Frederick Weyand, Army Chief of Staff, who has just returned from a week-long inspection of the Saigon rout for President Ford, today issued his cautious prediction after a long closed session with the Senate armed services committee.

Elsewhere in the Senate a fierce quarrel erupted over an accusation by Senator Henry Jackson, Democratic presidential contender, that President Ford had "only recently found out" about secret United States-Vietnamese agreements.

The White House spokesman had no immediate comment on the allegation. At the State Department officials recalled that Dr Kissinger had always denied publicly there were secret agreements, but admitted that certain definitions were in the unpublished record of negotiation.

General Weyand has already reported to the President, apparently with the greater pessimism that privacy can afford. It is assumed his view will form part of a last presidential appeal to Congress on Thursday night for help for Saigon. All the signs are that Congress will have none of it.

General Weyand, while refusing to discuss details today, answered a reporter who asked whether South Vietnam could survive without additional help, with a curt: "No they cannot." This much is obvious.

But General Weyand, himself the last American commander in Vietnam, went a bit further.

He could hardly bid his protegés farewell, after all. "There is no question in my mind but that they will fight", he said. "They have just been through a traumatic experience. They have an opportunity to put it back together again and I think they will. But beyond that, we will have to see."

Asked further whether he thought Congress could be persuaded to change its mind, he said: "I think Congress and the American people are anxious to find out the true facts of the situation." The facts would come out in the next few weeks.

Circumstances have changed, of course. But General Weyand contrasts with his long line of predecessors in refusing to return from Saigon with "can do" optimism.

He is also not a party to the curious chorus suggesting that President Thieu betrayed Americans because he never told the United States about his withdrawal plans. In fact, as I reported on March 18, well informed sources then disclosed that the United States had been informed by the Vietnamese a short while before the actual withdrawals in the Highlands.

American advice was not sought, but neither was American dissent entered at what was assumed to be controlled withdrawals. No one of course could foresee the collapse, but all available evidence is against the accusation that the Americans were surprised.

President Ford was surprised, however, according to Senator Jackson, to learn of what he called "secret agreements which envision fateful American decisions". Mr Jackson demanded that Mr Ford immediately disclose them.

He was initially rebuffed by Senator Mike Mansfield, majority leader, who said Dr Kissinger had always been asked by congressional leaders, and his answer was always been "No", to any question of secret commitments.

After his speech, Mr Jackson was challenged by a fellow Democrat, Senator Robert Morgan, to share the details with the Senate, but he declined. "I have it on the best of information, the best authority that secret agreements were reached", he said, explaining that disclosure would only be possible by calling officials before a hearing and putting them on oath.

The accusation is a serious one and could inflame the present debate or—if unproven—damage Senator Jackson's candidature for the presidency. He will have been the first to have considered that.

The President has hinted vaguely that Congress has failed to live up to commitments to Saigon, where in fact none exists on paper. Mr Jackson noted as much: "The fact is that Congress is being accused of violating commitments and obligations it never heard of."

Mr Jackson detected a pattern here of "obsessive" secrecy in Dr Kissinger's diplomacy—from the Salt treaties to the Soviet immigration debacle in the Trade Bill—"secret negotiations, producing secret agreements containing secret commitments".

He continued: "Allies may feel betrayed if promises made to them are not kept, other nations will inevitably doubt whether secret promises made to them are equally valueless, and Americans are left to wonder just how many secret commitments there may be."

He added: "We in Congress cannot play our constitutional role in constructing a coherent foreign policy so long as information to which we are entitled is kept from us."

Mr Mansfield agreed that were any such evidence as Mr Jackson suggested to come up he would expect the appropriate committees to investigate any "breaches of faith or trust".

Labour MPs seek recognition of PRG

More than 20 Labour MPs have signed a Commons motion calling on the Government to recognize immediately the Provisional Revolutionary Government in South Vietnam.

The motion also calls on the Government to dissociate Britain from all attempts to preserve the "odious Thieu regime", and to ensure that humanitarian aid is used to assist "the majority in need."

Cambodian moves for talks with rebels

Phnom Penh, April 8.—Mr Long Boret, the Cambodian Prime Minister, returned today after a week's absence abroad and disclosed that moves were under way for talks with insurgent forces now surrounding Phnom Penh.

The disclosure came after reports that Mr Saukham Khoy, the acting head of state, was consulting leading political figures in the capital on a possible surrender to the forces supporting Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Insurgent forces were attacking on all fronts of Phnom Penh's defence perimeter but government troops were holding the line, military sources said.

Khmer Rouge gunners moved closer to the capital yesterday and scored a direct hit on a petrol storage depot at the airport. No one was hurt.

The Cambodian High Command said that 18 107mm rockets had hit the airport today. Four rounds of recoilless rifle fire had hit Phnom Penh itself in the afternoon, wounding four children.

Mr Boret returned after accompanying President Lon Nol to Bali, which the President is expected to leave soon for the United States.

Mr Boret stopped off for 36 hours in Bangkok on his way back to Phnom Penh. Asked whether he had met Khmer Rouge representatives and whether he had any hopes for a peaceful settlement of the Cambodian war, he replied: "We are talking about that in Indonesia and Bangkok. I will elaborate later."

General Choonhaven, the Thai Foreign Minister, told reporters in Bangkok that Mr Boret had talked for four hours there last night with representatives of the groups opposing Marshal Lon Nol's Government. He thought the atmosphere at the talks had been good.

Sources in Phnom Penh said that most Cambodian field commanders opposed talks leading to a total surrender, which Mr Khoy was considering. They wanted instead to improve the Government's military position before starting peace negotiations.

On the war front, military sources said that government troops had yesterday recaptured Ang Snuol, 14 miles south-west of the capital, easing pressure in the area.

In the besieged provincial capital of Kompong Speu, 26 miles south-west of Phnom Penh, where the situation was "still critical but stable", the sources said, government troops had launched a counterattack. Supplies continued to be dropped to the defenders of Kompong Speu.

The military sources also reported fighting on Phnom Penh's north and north-western fronts. The government defence line there had been pierced several times but government troops managed to prevent the insurgents from breaking through.

In Phnom Penh itself, officials said, the evacuation of American officials had ended for the time being. About 50 Americans were still left at the United States Embassy, including 12 Marine guards.—Reuter.

First of orphans find new homes

By Diana Geddes

As criticism of the evacuation of Vietnamese orphans increased yesterday the first nine of the 99 children who arrived on Sunday night were on their way to their British adoptive parents, and another four were cleared by the Home Office.

All the children came to Britain as refugees without normal entry visas. The checks that would normally have been made before they left Vietnam are being carried out at the two Ockenden Venture homes in Camberley and Haslemere.

No child is allowed to leave the homes until the Home Office is satisfied that it is medically fit, that it is truly an orphan and that it has a secure adoptive home to go to. The Home Office is checking each child's adoption documents.

The Red Cross and the Save the Children Fund said yesterday that they feared complications over Vietnamese children whose parents might still be alive.

Mr Simon Clark of the Save the Children Fund said they were concerned at the way the children were being gathered. "There may be a comeback from parents who find their children have been flown to the United States or Britain. If there is, it will be a pretty large problem."

Mr Clark said his criticism was not directed at the *Daily Mail* flight. "Our concern is with the collection arrangements generally", he added.

The Ockenden Venture, which had 23 handicapped children on the flight from Ockenden Venture homes in or near Saigon, said all their children were "genuine orphans", but they had no intention of offering any for adoption. The children were in Britain for temporary safekeeping and medical treatment. They would return them to Vietnam as soon as possible.

Besides the 13 children who have been cleared for adoption in Britain, four others have already gone to adoptive homes in Belgium and 18 will be leaving soon for homes in France and Switzerland.

The rest of the 99 children on the *Daily Mail* flight all came through the Project Vietnam Orphans and will be adopted by parents in Britain.

Mr Robert Ash of PVO said all the children came from orphanages, but agreed that many were just abandoned by their mothers on orphanages' steps. It was possible, therefore, that they had one or more surviving parents.

"But we have no trace of the parents. It would be very unlikely that we could find ourselves in a 'tug of love' situation." Mr Ash said there was no question of any PVO children being repatriated. They had no homes to return to and "almost any place in this country is better than a Vietnamese orphanage".

Gastro-enteritis continues to trouble the newly arrived Vietnamese orphans. Twenty-six of the 99 went into hospital on arrival. Another four went in on Monday, and yesterday another two were admitted. Doctors do not consider the illness dangerous, but it is highly infectious.

Hanoi, April 8.—The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said today in a communiqué that the American plan to make South Vietnamese adults and children emigrate to the United States was "kidnapping".

The communiqué protested against the presence of American warships and civilian cargo ships carrying Marines in South Vietnamese waters on "the so-called mission of evacuating refugees and protecting American nationals". This was serious sabotage of the Paris peace agreement.

It said the same American aircraft which carried bombs, ammunition and arms to South Vietnam to massacre the people and devastate the villages, were "today used to transport kidnapped South Vietnamese children to the United States".—Agence France-Presse.

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Senator's fears for joint space mission

Washington, April 8.—A United States senator today asked the Central Intelligence Agency to determine the safety of Soviet manned space equipment. He said he feared the planned July Apollo-Soyuz space link-up may be dangerous for American astronauts.

Senator William Proxmire, chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee on space, said the Soviet Union's aborted spacecraft mission last Saturday "reinforces my deep concern that the upcoming joint Apollo-Soyuz experiment may be dangerous to American astronauts".

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Senate the Wisconsin Democrat asked the CIA to report to his subcommittee next month on the safety of Soviet space technology.

According to Tass, the Soyuz spacecraft had to be blasted clear of its booster rocket on Saturday when the third stage veered off course. The two cosmonauts on board made a safe emergency landing among the mountains of western Siberia.

Senator Proxmire said he disagreed with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which operates the United States space programme. He says Nasa insists that the July mission, when Soviet and American space flyers are due to rendezvous in space, will be as safe as any in the Apollo programme.

"Nasa says the Soviet failures, which have cost four lives, have been in the return phase of the mission and thus will not affect the Apollo-Soyuz programme", Senator Proxmire said. He claimed failures had occurred at all stages of the mission and five Soyuz flights had suffered some form of failure since 1967.—Reuter.

Moscow, April 8.—Soviet space officials admitted to their American counterparts today that they used an old model rocket for the abortive Soyuz flight last weekend.

A Nasa official here for the runup to the dual mission said the Russians had reported the booster was an early version of a rocket that they will use in July. It was "less diligently" checked out than the system that will be used for the rendezvous in space.

The Russians assured the United States yesterday that the failure of the weekend mission would not affect the flight.

The American astronaut for the eight-day mission are expected to arrive in the Soviet Union next week for a tour of the Soviet launch centre and to see the controversial booster rocket.—Reuter and AP.

OVERSEAS

South Africa promises to withdraw its forces by end of May

Dar es Salaam, April 8.—South Africa has promised to withdraw its security forces from Rhodesia by the end of next month, Mr Vernon Mwaanga, the Zambian Foreign Minister, told the Organization of African Unity today.

He said: "We want South African security forces withdrawn. We have made this demand. Fortunately the Rhodesian African National Council have themselves had an opportunity to demand the withdrawal of these forces and have been told that they are being withdrawn.

"Prime Minister Vorster [of South Africa] has now assured us that South African security forces will be withdrawn by the end of May, 1975."

Earlier Mr Machel, President-designate of Mozambique, supported efforts to negotiate settlements on Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa) but rejected any relations with South Africa itself.

He was one of several leaders of southern Africa's nationalist movements to outline separate policies towards South Africa which will enable foreign ministers of the Organization of African Unity to prepare a new approach.

President Machel's speech supported the joint approach by Tanzania, Zambia and Botswana on Rhodesia which led to negotiations between the Smith regime and the African National Council.

In contrast, South Africa's banned and exiled nationalist movement, the African National Congress, called for simultaneous liberation wars in Namibia, Rhodesia and South Africa itself. Mr. Oliver Tambo, the acting president, said the common enemy in southern Africa must be fought simultaneously.

The contrasting stands of Frelimo and the South African Nationalists pinpointed differences between OAU member states on what to do about the new situation in southern Africa after the appearance later this year of African majority governments in Angola and Mozambique.

The so-called moderates, led by Tanzania and Zambia, with backing from Mozambique, Sudan and Ethiopia, urge separation of what they call the colonial problem of Namibia and Rhodesia and the situation inside South Africa itself.

A majority of governments are agreed that South Africa must continue to be isolated and denied relations with the rest of Africa.—Reuter.

Nairobi, April 8.—A spokesman for Africa's Protestant churches today urged independent black nations to reject a South African peace campaign aimed at blunting the armed struggle against apartheid.

Canon Burgess Carr said, however, that he doubted whether Africa could step up the recent level of fighting in South-West Africa and Rhodesia.—AP.

Zambia bans African Rhodesian groups

Lusaka, April 8.—Zambia has outlawed three Rhodesian African Nationalist liberation movements which have used it as a base.

The *Government Gazette* says that Mr Aaron Milner, the Interior Minister, had signed a decree banning the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) and the Front for the Liberation of Zimbabwe (Frolizi).

It added that they were being used for purposes "prejudicial to the maintenance of peace, order and good government".

The banning of the three movements does not affect the African National Council (ANC), the umbrella organization under which they merged last December.

With the merger, the three organizations theoretically ceased to exist, although some dissident Zanu members disagreed with the merger.

After the arrest of its president, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, by the Rhodesian Government early last month, Zanu again began issuing its own official statements. Mr Sithole has since been released.

The *Gazette* said the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, the Hare Krishna sect, had been declared unlawful and that its leaders had been deported.—Reuter.



Beverly Sills, the soprano, making her debut at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, after 20 years' feuding with the management.

Israelis look back in anger at holocaust

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 8

Thirty years after the collapse of Nazi Germany, Israelis today observed Holocaust Day with ceremonies marked by warnings that only the nation's continued strength and unity could prevent further mass persecution and murder of Jews. The feeling that Israel's survival is at stake is greater than at any time since the state was founded.

Throughout the troubles of recent years, Israel's people have had one firm rock—the support of the United States. Now even that seems to be shaky. The fears may be exaggerated but the suddenness of the American shift away from Israel has come as a profound shock.

Embarrassing squabbles are breaking out as the inquests continue over the collapse of Dr Kissinger's mission. Recriminations are taking a strange turn, with Israel seeking to placate President Ford while maintaining bitterness towards the Secretary of State. Dr Kissinger, according to Washington correspondents of Israeli newspapers, is putting the blame on Mr Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, and Mr Allon, the Foreign Minister.

Dr Kissinger is said to be venting his frustration in briefings which are leaked in detail. He accuses Israel's leaders of having persuaded him to undertake his shuttle mission by leading him to believe they would make more concessions to gain Egypt's agreement.

According to one report, Dr Kissinger has made it known that he does not want Mr Allon to represent Israel if further talks are held as he believes the Foreign Minister's opinions carry little weight in Jerusalem and are misleading. Such pronouncements, it made by Dr Kissinger, can hardly be meant to be taken seriously.

His latest target, it is reported, is Mr Simha Dinitz, Israel's Ambassador in Washington, who has also come in for heavy criticism at home. The Foreign Ministry has denied allegations that Mr Dinitz urged American Jewish organizations to send "messages of gratitude" to Dr Kissinger after his mission collapsed, but further reports have been published quoting a prominent Zionist leader as confirming them.

As the rift between the two countries widens, Jewish leaders from the United States are trying to bridge it. Mr Max Fisher, a leading fund raiser for Israel and a friend of President Ford was in Jerusalem at the weekend. He is understood to be flying to see Mr Ford.

The United States appears to be seeking second thoughts by Israel over a withdrawal from the Sinai passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfields, which American leaders see as the only way to keep President Sadat on his "moderate" course.

This is where the basic misunderstanding lies. The Israelis refuse to accept Mr Sadat as a moderate and believe the Western world is showing dangerous gullibility over Arab intentions.

Kuwait gives £165m to Arabs facing Israel

Kuwait, April 8. — The National Assembly today approved a Bill granting $415m (£173m) in aid to seven Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Government sources said the Fund's share of £165m went to those actively engaged in confronting Israel. There was $170m each for Egypt and Syria, $51m for Jordan and $5m for the PLO.

North and South Yemen each got an allocation of $5m; and $2.5m each was earmarked for Somalia and Mauritania.

The Assembly passed another Bill granting Pakistan $5m for the victims of recent earthquakes.—UPI.

Sudan leader in Iraq for talks

Baghdad, April 8.—President Nimeiry of Sudan arrived in Baghdad today for an official five-day visit. He said on arrival that his talks with Iraqi leaders would be aimed at developing relations to serve the Arab nation.

President Nimeiry is due to have talks with President Bakr of Iraq. Mr Bakr, cabinet ministers and senior officials were at the airport.

The two leaders are also expected to discuss a £100m joint development programme and a contract for Iraqi oil to be supplied to Sudan.

African leader accuses church students

From Our Own Correspondent
Cape Town, April 8

The Federal Theological Seminary which recently had its buildings at Alice in the Cape Province appropriated by the South African Government has been attacked by a Bantustan leader as a threat to security.

The seminary has been rehoused in the Transkei, one of the republic's semi-autonomous African enclaves. Chief Kaiser Matanzima, the Transkei's Chief Minister, claimed today that the students at the seminary were "bent on eliminating chieftainship" and had distributed a document which was intended to incite the people of the Transkei to revolution.

Chief Matanzima, of right-wing leanings and one the African leaders in the republic who is cooperative with the white Government, said the document was distributed by the students "at a so-called church meeting".

Addressing the Transkei Legislative Assembly, he asked whether the seminary wanted to bring about revolt against authority. The document was issued, he said, by the South African Student Organization and the Black People's Convention which, were "leftist organizations".

Black politician accused of recruiting guerrillas

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, April 8

Mr Percy Mkudu, a former black Leader of the Opposition in the Rhodesian Parliament, has appeared in court on a charge of recruiting people for guerrilla training.

It was said in the Umtali magistrates' court that some time in February or March Mr Mkudu took five or six recruits from Umtali to Inyanga in the eastern highlands of Rhodesia to help them cross the border into Mozambique for training.

Mr Mkudu appeared with Mr Morris Nyagumbu, both being charged under the Law and Order Maintenance Act. Mr Mkudu was allowed bail and had to surrender his travel documents. He will appear in court again on April 21.

He was elected to Parliament in 1962 for the old United Federal Party and served for a time as leader of the moderate black Opposition. He was also an executive member of the Liberal Centre Party.

More than 30 black schoolboys are reported to have left a mission near Umtali and crossed into Mozambique to join Frelimo. The pupils, aged between 17 and 20, left after the school sports day on March 22. Representations have been made to the authorities in Mozambique for the return of the boys, but with no success a police official said.

The Hartzell secondary school from which the boys fled is run by the United Methodist Church of which the African National Council's president, Bishop Abel Mozurewa, is the Rhodesian head.

Our Cape Town Correspondent writes: Dr Hilgard Muller, South Africa's Foreign Minister, denied suggestions that South Africa has interfered in the internal affairs of Rhodesia.

After Dr Muller's brief visit to Rhodesia which was followed last week by the release of Mr Sithole, Mr Denis Fawcett Phillips, a Rhodesian Member of Parliament, said South Africa would no longer be able to deny that it was interfering in Rhodesia's affairs.

Dr Muller has issued a statement taking "the strongest exception" to the suggestion of interference.

During his talks with Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, he had put the views of the South African Government and exchanged views with him, as had been done regularly in the past. There was no departure from established practice.

Turkey denies Greek airspace charges

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, April 8

Turkish authorities today vehemently denied accusations that Turkish aircraft had violated Greek airspace, in what appeared to be yet another complicated point of conflict in the tense relations between the two countries.

Mr Ferit Melen, the Defence Minister, said: "It is clear that Greece, which has armed the Aegean islands despite the absolutely clear stipulations to the contrary of international agreements, is coming forth with such accusations with the sole aim of preventing Turkish planes from flying over the Aegean."

Terming the Aegean an "open sea" Mr Melen said that Turkey would continue to make use of the rights granted it by international agreements.

He added that "the Greek accusations made on March 20 and 27 and in April 3 were meticulously investigated and it was determined beyond the slightest doubt that there had been no instances of violation."

The Foreign ministry announced that the Greek Embassy in Ankara had been formally notified on Monday that Athens' accusations were unfounded.

An official announcement from the Ministry spokesman said that Turkey had also called the attention of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General, to the arms build up on the Aegean islands.

This new element of tension between Turkey and Greece arises from the international "flight information region" (FIR) line between the two countries. The Aegean area is under Greek control and the dividing line passes between Turkey and the Dodecanese islands, some of which are only a few miles off the Anatolian mainland.

Turkey had issued a note during the military operations in Cyprus last July, requiring all aircraft coming across the Aegean to notify Turkish authorities before reaching the FIR limit.

This move, aimed at giving Turkey advance warning of possible air attacks from Greece, is still in effect. This area has since been declared off-limits to all international flights by Athens, forcing aircraft to make big detours across the Mediterranean or over Bulgaria.

Only Turkish and Greek military aircraft have been flying in this area between the Turkish warning limit and the FIR line. Greece considers Turkish flights there as airspace violations, while Turkey claims its aircraft are flying in international air space.

Athens, April 8.—A Greek Government spokesman tonight denied Turkish allegations that Greece has moved troops and arms into the Dodecanese islands, including Rhodes, in contravention of international conventions.—Reuter.

Banknote evidence assists defence of Mr Connally

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 8

The defence produced $10,000 in banknotes at Mr John Connally's trial this morning and were able to show that some at least of them could not possibly have been given to him as a bribe when he was Secretary of the Treasury in 1971. They bore the signature of his successor, Mr George Shultz.

The chief defence counsel, Mr Edward Jennet Williams, is continuing his cross-examination of the prosecution's star witness, Mr Jake Jacobsen. It is alleged that Mr Jacobsen, a lawyer for a milk co-operative, made two payments of $5,000 to Mr Connally in recognition of his role in raising the support-price of milk.

The Watergate special prosecutors heard about the money in 1973, and it is alleged that Mr Connally and Mr Jacobsen then conspired to put $10,000 into a safe deposit box and to claim that Mr Connally had never accepted the money.

The fact that some of the bills must have been put there later, obviously demolished the claim that the money had slept peacefully for three years in a box in Austin, Texas.

The defence contends that Mr Jacobsen embezzled the money which the milk co-operative gave him for Mr Connally when the latter refused to accept it.

In brief

Universities shut after riots

Seoul, April 8.—Four Seoul universities were closed today after President Park sent Government troops into the Korea University to put down worsening anti-Government student riots.

Mr Kim Sung-jin, the presidential spokesman, said that the demonstrations had destroyed the academic atmosphere and order at the universities and threatened to "impair national order."

Drugs class offer

New York, April 8.—Mrs Linda McCartney, wife of Mr Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, who has decided not to fight a charge of possessing marijuana brought against her, says she is ready to attend a class on the evils of drug-abuse in expiation.

Police chief survives

Buenos Aires, April 8.—Señor Luis Margaride, the Argentine police chief, whose predecessor was killed by a guerrilla bomb five months ago, has survived two assassination attempts in the past 12 hours.

Yacht taken in tow

Chanea, Crete, April 8.—The Greek cargo ship Nausika today took the British yacht Lassddwyn in tow after it was found sinking 100 miles west of Crete. The three crew are missing.

'End hanging' vote

Melbourne, April 8.—The state Parliament of Victoria voted 36 to 30 today to abolish hanging. The abolition Bill still has to pass the upper House before it can be implemented.

Under British eyes

Vienna, April 8.—Mr Roy Mason, Britain's Secretary of State for Defence who is visiting Romania, today watched a tactical exercise by a military unit.

Soviet oil find

Moscow, April 8.—Soviet geologists have discovered oil deposits in Tyumen, western Siberia which are expected to yield more than 1,000 tons a day.

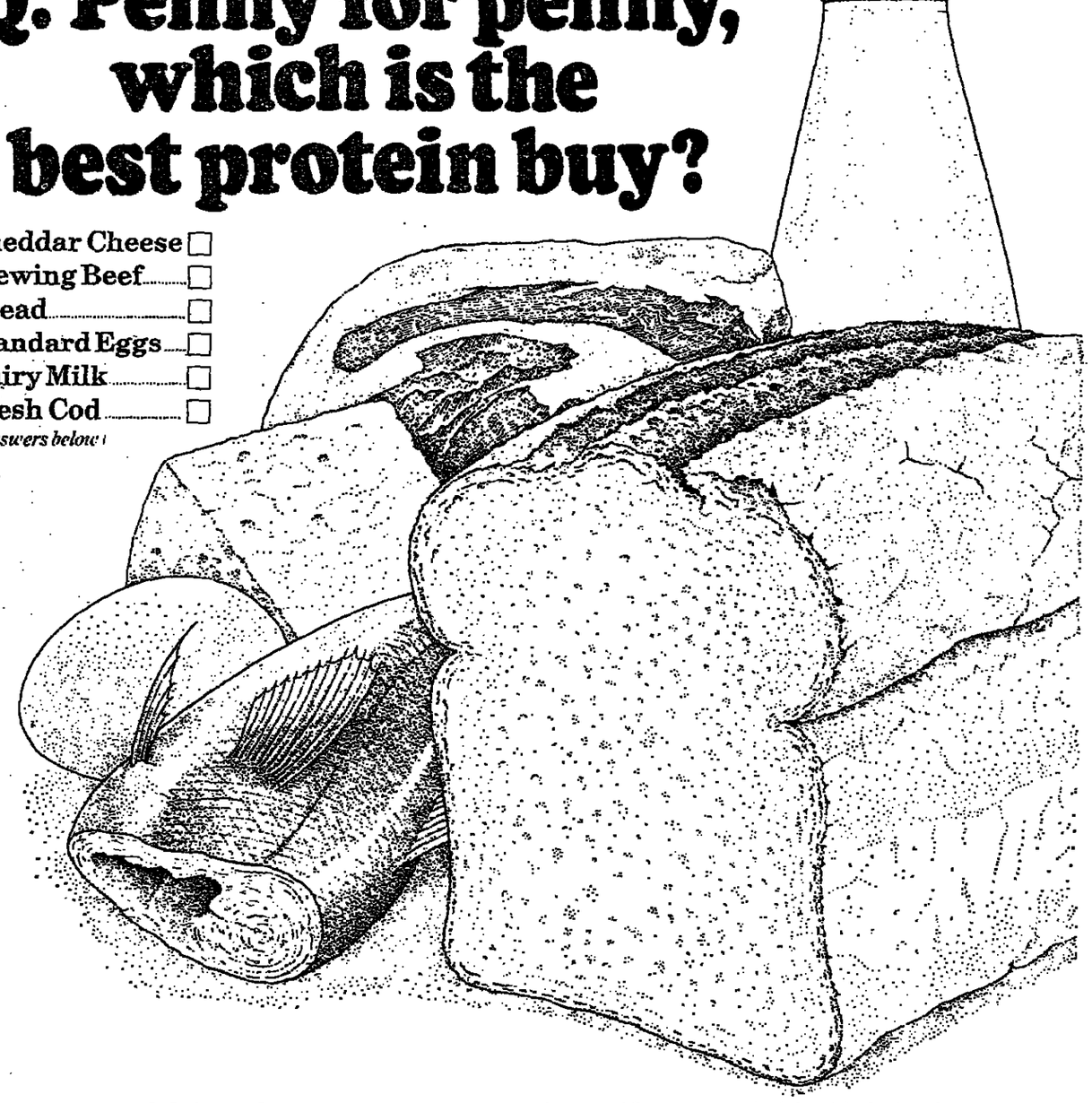
Cyprus talks resume

New York, April 8.—Greek and Turkish Cypriot representatives have agreed to resume talks on the island's political future in Vienna on April 28.

A shoppers' value-for-money quiz to test your domestic expertise

Q. Penny for penny, which is the best protein buy?

Cheddar Cheese ☐
Stewing Beef ☐
Bread ☐
Standard Eggs ☐
Dairy Milk ☐
Fresh Cod ☐
(Answers below)



Answers:
1st Bread
2nd Cheese
3rd Milk
4th Eggs
5th Beef
6th Cod

Yes, your 28 oz. loaf of bread is still the best protein buy on your shopping list. Does this surprise you? Perhaps you never actually considered bread as a very important source of protein in a balanced diet?

Protein, of course, is your prime body builder. But bread contributes other essentials, too. Like Calcium, for stronger bones. And Iron, vital to the blood stream. And the B Vitamins, essential for vitality.

To quote the National Food Survey (1972), bread's contribution to the average daily diet amounts to: Protein, 17%; Calcium, 13.4%; Iron, 17.7%; Niacin, 13.7%; Thiamine (Vitamin B1), 22.1%; Energy value, 14.4%.

And in comparative terms, bread and flour supply your daily diet with more thiamine and energy than any other food; only meat is higher as a source of protein, iron and niacin; only milk as a source of calcium.

How bread compares with other foods nutritionally

The table below illustrates in detail bread's comparative nutritional values when placed—for the same amount of money spent—against other typical food items on your shopping list.

All bread is good for you

But it's surprising how many people you meet who are almost entirely ignorant of these plain facts. To them, bread is something to be taken for granted.

And the white loaf (which represents over 80% of the bread bought in Britain), hardly ever gets a good word said for it. Yet, though certain minerals and vitamins have to be reduced in the milling of wheat into white flour, they're added to the flour *after* milling—as a legal requirement, in fact—to safeguard the nutrient level of your bread. (Brown and wholemeal, of course, are extremely good nutritionally, and may be chosen by people requiring extra roughage).

Whichever bread you choose, you're still getting one of the best protein and nutritional bargains on the market.

Enjoy your loaf!

COMPARATIVE NUTRITIONAL VALUES

16p will buy the following:	*Protein (grams)*	*Calories*	*Calcium (mg.)*	*Iron (mg.)*	*Niacin (mg.)*	*Thiamine (mg.)*
28 oz. white bread (wrapped and sliced)	61·6	1932	728·0	14·3	13·5	1·4
6·4 oz. cheddar cheese	46·1	768	1472·0	1·0	0·2	0·1
2·7 pints milk	42·3	893	1598·0	0·9	1·2	0·5
5·5 standard eggs	37·4	506	176·0	7·9	0·3	0·3
4 lb. 10 oz. old potatoes	29·4	1693	88·3	10·3	14·7	1·5
5·2 oz. stewing beef	28·6	260	7·8	6·3	7·2	0·1
5·1 oz. fresh cod	26·0	117	21·4	0·7	4·0	0·1
9·8 oz. butter	1·0	2215	39·2	0·5	trace	trace

Prices based on Department of Prices and Consumer Protection information, and local enquiries. March 1975.

Bread: still the best food value in Britain

ISSUED BY THE FLOUR ADVISORY BUREAU.

PARLIAMENT, April 8, 1975

All steps to be taken to get comprehensive education everywhere

House of Commons

MR GUY BARNETT (Greenwich, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science how many local authorities had submitted plans to him in response to circular 4/74 issued by the department; and how many had refused to do so.

MR ARMSTRONG, Under Secretary (Durham, North West, Lab)—Of 96 local education authorities in England, 86 have delivered a substantive reply and a further five an interim one. No authority has refused to respond.

MR BARNETT—Some authorities have made statements that they are not going comprehensive. There is considerable doubt about some authorities who have said they will, as to the precise time they will do it. The minister has a good precedent in the Education Milk Bill introduced by the Leader of the Opposition (Mrs Margaret Thatcher) to coerce recalcitrant authorities. (Labour cheers.)

MR ARMSTRONG—I am aware of the situation. We are making a close analysis of all responses from the authorities.

The Government are determined to have genuine comprehensive reorganization in every part of the country. We will not stand aside and allow local authorities to prejudice the best educational interests of children by perpetuating a wasteful and unfair system of selecting and rejecting children.

This Government will take all necessary steps to implement national policy as agreed by the House. (Labour cheers.)

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—Will the minister deny recent reports that the Government intend to introduce compulsive legislation in the near future? (Conservative cheers.) The Government should proceed gently to allow for the evolution and greater availability of resources, rather than trying to force the pace in the way the minister has indicated, with all the bitterness and distraction that would be involved. (Renewed Conservative cheers).

MR ARMSTRONG—This controversy has been going on for a long time. When I have gone around the country in areas where they are in genuine difficulty about going comprehensive, they are gratified that the Government have indicated firmly that we are going to implement national policy.

Far from rebutting any statements made, we want to persuade local authorities. We are now arranging meetings with those who say they will defy national policy. We will talk to them and explore their circumstances. But in the end if legislation is necessary it will certainly be brought forward. (Labour cheers.)

SIR GEORGE SINCLAIR (Dorking, C)—How does the minister propose there shall be the massive finances to provide comprehensive schools of a viable size out of schools that are viable because they are selective and on average about 500 or 600, a size we are told by the pundits of comprehensive education is quite unthinkable for a viable comprehensive school?

MR ARMSTRONG—We are not prepared to tolerate the situation a day longer than is necessary when so many thousands of children are rejected and sent to neighbourhood schools that are for children not clever enough to be selected for grammar school places.

I would commend the situation in Birmingham. I could take MPs to many other areas where, without an injection of extra resources, they are giving many extra thousands of children a real opportunity in education. (Labour cheers.)

The Speaker to rule on Prime Minister's reply

MR ENGLISH (Nottingham, West, Lab), raising a matter of privilege, said that the Prime Minister's written answer yesterday—on the conduct of ministers who had decided to dissent from the Government's recommendation on British membership of the EEC—revealed a contempt of the House and a breach of its privileges.

He said he was referring to the sentence which said that the freedom of ministers who did not agree with the Government's recommendation in favour of continued EEC membership did not extend to their advocating a different view while they were concerned in Parliamentary proceedings and official business. Extending the freedom to Parliamentary proceedings was a matter for the House and not the Government.

It is, in fact, the law of this country (he said) that MPs not merely have a right but a duty to express in the House their opinions, and are even by law protected in ways in which outsiders would not be protected.

It is the principle of the House proceedings that an MP may come here and say what he will. Normally members of the Government do not. In this case they have been allowed to do so outside this House. I cannot imagine a more complete denigration or derogation from the rights of this House than to say members may speak outside it but not in it. (Some Labour cheers.)

I submit that this particular wording in so far as it relates to proceedings in this House—the personal views of ministers—reveals a contempt of the House.

THE SPEAKER (Mr Selwyn Lloyd) said he would consider the matter and rule on it tomorrow (Wednesday).

Progress in industrial patronage of the arts

MR ROBERT COOKE (Bristol, West, C) asked for a statement on the progress made following approaches to both sides of industry on the subject of industrial patronage of the arts.

MR HUGH JENKINS, Under Secretary for Education and Science, with responsibilities for the arts (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab)—I am still in touch with both sides of industry and I shall report further progress as soon as I can.

MR COOKE—This is one area where he might manage to do something if he showed more enthusiasm and drive.

MR JENKINS—I have been the most enthusiastic and driving minister for the arts on the question of extracting money from private enterprises than any other minister and I think I have had some success.

Tonight I am going to a performance which is supported by one of those companies which at the moment have had insufficient publicity about their activities. I also had a letter this morning from the chairman of Imperial Tobacco putting forward a suggestion which I am studying with close attention and appreciation. I hope I shall be able to say something about it.

I also expect to hear shortly from Mr Campbell-Adamson of the CBI concerning discussions I had with him quite recently on the subject.

Cost of school transport causes problem

MR MOATE (Faversham C) asked if the Secretary of State for Education and Science was in a position to announce his decisions following the review of concessionary travel arrangements for schoolchildren.

MR ARMSTRONG, Under Secretary—The Secretary of State is now considering the comments of the local authority associations and other interested bodies who were consulted about the report of the working party on school transport. While there is widespread criticism of the present arrangements there is no agreement as to the changes that ought to be made.

MR MOATE—It indicates once again that the Government seem to have no idea of what to do about this difficult problem. The answer is simply to abolish the out-dated and unfair statutory walking distances and pass back to local education authorities total discretion as to the assistance they can give within the resources available to them.

MR ARMSTRONG—I share his concern and apologize for the delay. It is a difficult problem. The difficulty is to reconcile the reasonable and growing demand of parents for some assistance towards travelling expenses and our anxiety not to impose extra financial burdens on the local authorities. This is an expensive matter.

Local authorities (he added later) are committed to something like £50m expenditure each year. Some of my officers have been visiting areas because no two areas have the same problem. We are trying desperately to come forward with an acceptable solution.

Government defeated on surcharge change

House of Lords

The Corn Exchange Bill and the Standard and Chartered Bank Bill were read a second time.

The Local Government (Scotland) Bill was considered in committee.

LORD CAMPBELL of CROY (C) moved an amendment to delete *Clause 19 (Amendment of section 201 of Act of 1947).* He said the reason for the clause was to enable the Government to procure retrospective application to the consequences of actions by certain councillors who delayed implementation of the Scottish Housing Act in 1972. This (he said) is the Caledonian Clay Cross clause.

It was now clear how the enabling power in the clause would be used. *The Clay Cross Bill*—the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill—showed that the Government intended to relieve offending councillors in England from disqualification from councils.

In Scotland, equivalent exoneration would be to relieve councillors of all or part of due surcharges, or of fines imposed by the courts. We recognize (he said) that the amounts of money in some cases may be too large for individual councillors to be able to pay. But a reputable way to proceed would be for the Government to propose to Parliament later—when the amounts due had been determined—what would be the appropriate surcharges in the circumstances.

LORD HUGHES, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said there was no parallel between what took place in Scotland and Clay Cross.

The sole change made in this piece of legislation was to confer on the Secretary of State a duty to have regard to all the circumstances of a case and a power to modify the amount of surcharge or abstain from making it. The full amount of surcharge which would have to be levied in terms of the present law varied from £3,000 to £15,000 a councillor.

The result of applying the 1947 Act would be impractical and unsatisfactory and would not save Scottish ratepayers any money by bankrupting councillors. It was obvious that they would not get anything other than a fraction of this money.

This was a pure political argument and had nothing to do with the merits of the case whatsoever. These cases had to be decided on a logical and reasonable basis. It was totally wrong that the Secretary of State should be asked to rely on the 1947 Act.

The amendment to delete the clause was rejected by 92 votes to 49—majority against the Government, 43.

The committee stage was concluded.

The Prices Bill passed the committee stage.

House adjourned. 6.1 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debate on fish farming Motion on Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order.

House of Commons

Today at 3.30: Debate on motion to approve EEC membership White Paper: concluded.

Proud that Cabinet is more representative of two views on EEC

During questions to the Prime Minister,

MR ASHTON (Bassetlaw, Lab) asked him to remember that at the last Labour Party conference a resolution was passed calling for equal allocation of opportunity for everyone to take part in the great debate on the Common Market, and why approximately 30 ministers who were anti-Marketeers would not be allowed to speak in the debate taking place in the House.

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—I have not noticed any inability not only of members of the Parliamentary Labour Party but of the party in the country to take part fully in the debate which will take place on the referendum. On the question of ministers speaking in the house, this is an appropriate decision taken by the Cabinet.

Later, MR BUCHAN (West Renfrewshire, Lab) said the Prime Minister had promised an open debate on the Common Market without rancour. Freedom (he went on) is indivisible and this should apply also to the ministers in this House. If that pledge was properly fulfilled, he and we would gain credit. (Labour cheers.)

MR WILSON—I do not agree. I certainly appealed for a comradely debate without rancour. So far, this is what we have had, with one or two significant—insignificant—exceptions. I trust that this will continue.

I do not agree in this matter. The agreement to differ, which I announced would be the situation, is freedom, total freedom, within the normal rules of etiquette and friendly behaviour—(Conservative laughter)—and gentlemanly courtesy, to campaign in the country on the referendum. The situation governing a parliamentary debate is quite different and has always been so considered.

Questioning Mr Wilson whether he would make a ministerial broadcast on Europe,

MR ARNOLD (Hazel Grove, C) asked the Prime Minister to accept that since the future credibility of the United Kingdom in international negotiations depended on their remaining in the EEC, it was important that he should show greater determination. By virtue of the right of reply it would give Mrs Thatcher, a broadcast would be a helpful way of advancing matters a stage further.

MR WILSON—We are having a three-day debate. We must to some extent have some feeling for the problems of the broadcasting authorities. (Conservative laughter.) They are enjoined, and have agreed, to maintain balance. Broadcasts by the three party leaders might appear to be rather on one side of the debate.

Since my statement on March 18, I have made four national television broadcasts—not ministerial broadcasts—and that is in addition to those I made at the end of the Dublin conference.

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—In view of what Mr Wilson has said about freedom of debate, on May 4, 1932, Sir Herbert Samuel, as Home Secretary, spoke from the Treasury bench expressing the dissident views of those in the Cabinet who disagreed with Government policy.

MR WILSON—Yes, I can assure Mr Jay that I consulted this precedent and that particular speech, possibly before he did, indeed, before the end of last year. That was a situation where the only possibility of agreement to differ in a Conservative-Liberal and miniscule Labour coalition was through debate in the House. That was the only opportunity.

In the present situation there is a referendum campaign and that is of a totally different order because all ministers who have availed themselves of the unprecedented agreement to differ are free to campaign in this referendum.

Therefore, I believe the 1932 precedent is totally inapplicable in this situation.

MR BRITTAN (Cleveland and Whitby, C)—If Mr Wilson will not make a ministerial broadcast on Europe, will he clarify yesterday's written answer on the conduct of dissenting ministers in saying they will be stating the Government's position and not their own?

Is Mr Wilson really asking them to be hypocritical mouthpieces of views abhorrent to them? If questions are to be transferred when necessary, who is to decide that they are necessary to transfer—the minister concerned, Mr Callaghan or Mr Wilson?

Does this not illustrate the dangerous consequences of abandoning the traditional concept of collective ministerial responsibility? (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSGN—No. I cannot accept what Mr Brittan says. He cannot have it both ways, as indeed is the whole party opposite, none better than Mrs Thatcher who has dissociated herself from everything done before her leadership.

The Opposition cannot press, as they have indeed pressed, that answers from the front bench should reflect entirely the Government's decision about the recommendation and at the same time ask that ministers who have disagreed with it should be free to speak in a different sense. All ministers will speak in accordance with Government policy.

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab)—The prime need is not for more ministerial broadcasts, but for those by spokesmen for and against remaining in the EEC, because those broadcasts would have safeguards which we do not get with editorial bias in the press or with scurrilous advertisements like that comparing those of us who wish to remain with the late Vidkun Quisling.

MR WILSON—I agree entirely with that, including what Mr Whitehead said about that advertisement. There was one on the other side also last week which was wholly improper.

The broadcasting authorities are genuinely trying to maintain the balance between the pro- and anti-Market side. It is being and will be considered by the standing committee of all parties and by the broadcasting authorities, to govern how the broadcasting authorities conduct themselves in this campaign.

The issue is not between parties or between ministerial and opposition broadcasts, but between the two sides in the debate.

MR HURD (Mid Oxon, C)—If Mr Wilson is not going to make a broadcast, will he fill the strange gap in his speech yesterday and let us hear how he sees his personal position if his European policy were repudiated in the referendum.

MR WILSON—That does not arise out of yesterday—(Conservative laughter)—on the grounds that I have said on many occasions that the Government will accept the verdict of the British people.

I have read a report which Mrs Thatcher may repudiate as unfair—because they are occasionally inaccurate—that she said that if there was an adequate turnout and a clear majority all parties would accept it.

(Mrs Thatcher indicated dissent.) She says that she did not say that. One has to be an arrogant MP to say that whatever the country decides in this ballot can be disregarded. (Cheers.)

MRS WINIFRED EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat)—Will Mr Wilson refrain from taking umbrage if I suggest to him that he might ask Mr William Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, to make any ministerial broadcast in Scotland as his anti-Market views will be more in tune with Scottish views? (Protests.)

MR WILSON—I never take umbrage at anything Mrs Ewing suggests to me. To some extent they are separate broadcasting authorities in Scotland and they will try to preserve the balance between pro- and anti-Market views and give fair coverage to both.

MR JOHNSON SMITH (East Grinstead, C)—He says he will not make a broadcast but will the Prime Minister take the opportunity to justify the exclusion from voting of British people living abroad when Irish citizens, who may already have voted in a referendum, will apparently be given the opportunity to vote again?

MR WILSON—I did not say I would not make a ministerial broadcast, but I have no present plans to do so. The broadcasting authorities have to maintain a fair balance and if, thereby, within the discretion of the broadcasting authorities, there were a possibility of a broadcast, I would consider it.

The House will debate the Referendum Bill on Thursday. We have declared the views of the Government.

MR SPRIGGS (St Helens, Lab)—Many MPs behind him would prefer that the Cabinet should take another look at this matter and allow all ministers to make a statement based on their own views and not on those of the Prime Minister. (Labour cheers.)

MR WILSON—I would always prefer to have Mr Spriggs behind me, rather than some of the people I have to look at. He is my parliamentary neighbour and I spoke for him when he was a candidate in less hopeful seats.

This unprecedented agreement to differ in an unprecedented situation, namely the referendum, is unlimited for all ministers in the campaign in the country. It was never envisaged by any of us that this would be the position in the debate here.

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition Barnet, Finchley, C)—On this issue Mr Wilson has some friends in front of him, if not behind him. As his dissenting ministers seem to be having it both ways, would it not be better for him and for everyone else if they resigned, pending the result. (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—Those last few words remove from me the obligation to refer to Mrs Thatcher as "my right honourable friend" (Laughter). I do not accept that at all. This is a unique situation, as I have said. (Conservative laughter.) It is a situation where Mrs Thatcher's party is divded, as is ours and as is the county.

I am proud of the fact that my Cabinet is more representative of the two views on this than the rather crony-dominated cabinet which preceded ours. That was why the country was taken in without the promised full-hearted consent. We have never heard whether she dissociates herself from that either.

If the country votes in accordance with the recommendation of the Government, there will be no doubt about the position of the country. There has been every doubt since 1971 when the Government of which she was a member took the Establishment into the Common Market, but not the British people.

Britain in EEC offers best chance of maximum peace and security

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), resuming the debate on the Government's motion to approve the EEC renegotiation White Paper, said yesterday the Prime Minister had opened the fourth major debate in 14 years on Britain's membership of the EEC. On each of the three previous occasions the Prime Minister of the day had been an enthusiastic advocate of the case his Government was proposing. This time the Prime Minister had chosen to open with a low-key speech leaving out most of the broader issues or dwelling on them briefly. The Opposition were aware the Prime Minister had problems. (Laughter.)

At the present time (she said) he has to rely more on his political opponents than his alleged political friends to secure a decision—(Conservative cheers and Labour protests and shouts of "Rubbish")—which he considers right for Britain.

The Prime Minister had dealt mainly with the renegotiation and the Labour Party manifesto of 1974. She did not believe that the issue would be decided on those matters. The results set out in the White Paper were very difficult to assess and complicated. The matter would be decided on the broader issues associated with membership.

A number of MPs yesterday had spoken of the paramount case for being in as the political case for peace and security. It was taken for granted that Western Europe would not embark again on its own destruction. They should not too readily take that for granted but for the tremendous efforts and constructive ideas which led to those nations working together in the EEC.

The more closely they worked the better their security would be from the point of view of their children.

People recognized two quite different needs.

There was a need to be part of some smaller group to which they could belong and know they belonged. The second need, that only when they got together and worked together could they achieve the larger objectives they sought to achieve.

It seemed to her that the prospect of the EEC fulfilled both of those needs: the need to identify with their own nation and country and the need to work together as a community and an alliance of nations for the well-being and betterment of mankind.

The first reason for being in was peace and security and the second, access to secure sources of food supplies.

Britain had to import half of its food to survive.

In those circumstances it was only prudent and sensible of the Government to obtain steady access to the Community which could be self-sufficient in many agricultural products and because of its combined bargaining power it was in a far better position than any single country to negotiate with the rest of the world.

As time went on Britain would be more likely to get access to the raw materials she needed to fabricate exports through bargaining as part of the Community than on her own. Britain had preferential access to Western Europe with which she conducted half of her trade.

Another main strategic reason for staying was to provide a world role for Britain. As a nation of 55 million people Britain had some voice but not enough. Traditionally Britain had always been part of a larger grouping. It used to be the Commonwealth but most of the Commonwealth countries had become independent and set up their own trading preferences. The Community opened windows on the whole world for Britain which since the war had been closing.

The Commonwealth itself now wanted Britain to stay in Europe. She knew of no adverse comment on this.

Britain's partners had done everything possible to be cooperative and constructive. It was notable how they had helped the Government through all the renegotiation difficulties. On the whole the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary did a good job in the negotiations. In so far as they had obtained improved terms the Opposition were delighted and hoped they would help to keep Britain in.

Renegotiation was a continuous process. It was clear from the White Paper that all the calculations made two or three years ago about the effect of the Common Market budget were wrong. Britain had had to contribute far less than expected. This was another plus.

It would be traumatic to come out. When Britain went into the Community they knew what they were going into. There had been careful negotiations by Mr Heath over a period of two or more years. They knew exactly the conditions they would face. If the country was now to withdraw it would be a leap in the dark. They would have no idea of the trading conditions they would face or the effect on sterling. It was not a genuine alternative.

Even if Britain could get back into Efta it would be no answer to their problems. Another suggestion was to arrange a free trade agreement with the Community. Any such arrangement would require protracted negotiations. The clauses dealing with state aid to nationalized industries were slightly tougher in the free trade area agreements with the EEC than they were in the initial EEC agreement.

The time to ask for a new treaty was not just when one had broken the last one. (Conservative cheers.) There were no grounds for assuming Britain would get a free trade area agreement with the EEC when they had made strenuous efforts to meet United Kingdom requests and demands to keep this country in the EEC.

We cannot assume (she said) we would have an alternative area to go to and the result would be we might have to go it alone.

There being no certain alternatives it would seem that we have carefully to consider keeping the arrangements and agreements we have before going completely into the unknown. Being in the European Community will not solve all our economic problems. Some of them are home-grown and we have to deal with them—the problem of inflation in particular—ourselves. We have to cope with them whether we are in or out of the Community.

For Britain to abrogate a treaty, to break it, is bad for Britain and bad for our relationships with the rest of the world and for our future trading arrangements. Britain has always played a major role in the world. She still has a major role to play. I do not believe she can play it to best advantage on her own.

If we are to give our children the maximum peace and security in a very uncertain world, our best course of action is to stay in the Common Market. (Loud Conservative cheers.)

Uncertainty

MR WALDEN (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said their present uncertainty with regard to EEC membership weakened them in several crucial spheres, particularly financial and economic. They needed to decide their future and get on with it. This country could not go on being a coy and cool friend to its European partners. Either they dissolved the partnership or made a whole-hearted attempt to have a successful one.

If (he went on) parliamentary sovereignty is a priceless jewel to be preserved unflawed why are we having a referendum at all? (Conservative cheers.) It is the most brazen affront to parliamentary sovereignty. (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

If parliamentary sovereignty meant so much to them that they could not bear to see it abridged by any regulations, why was it that instead of campaigning to change the law so many Labour Party members while the party was in opposition wished and did defy the law which was the will of Parliament and therefore the very embodiment of parliamentary sovereignty? (Further Conservative cheers.)

But surely the Foreign Secretary must be right when he pointed out that the reality of the EEC was that what a member country found insupportable it was not required to support. The whole history of the EEC was one of compromise and accommodation. He did not find the case for leaving the EEC to have been made.

MR JOHN DAVIES (Knutsford, C) said it was interesting to remember those occasions over the years when an expression of opinion in the House of Commons positively seemed to have an effect on Community proposals. On the issue of sovereignty little could be said to support the belief that the House had, or was being, severely undermined in its legislative capacity by the EEC institutions.

For 18 months Britain had been grossly over-consuming and grossly under-producing. The effect of these contrasts was to induce a propensity to import in an overwhelming manner. Whether those imports were drawn in from Commonwealth countries or elsewhere, the cause of the problem and the remedy was in Britain. It was futile to try to pin on others the causes of Britain's own weaknesses.

Renegotiation was a fantasy which had one sole advantage. It gave them cause and time to rethink their own convictions. They were forced to do this when facing the need to convince people of the dramatic and tragic effects which might be caused by withdrawal from the Community.

CAP described as 20th century Corn Laws

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) said that it was mainly because he was an internationalist that he was an anti-Marketeer. He rejected the narrow concept that those opposing the Rome Treaty and arrangements in western Europe had no interest in international cooperation because it was the Europeans who were developing the narrow, isolationist attitude and the ethos of protectionism against world food trade in favour of a small, privileged group of nations.

The CAP was a deliberate policy of discrimination against world food supplies, a twentieth century version of the Corn Laws. In addition, Britain had been compelled to buy dear when she could have bought cheap.

He wanted genuine international cooperation within the wider framework of the United Nations bodies and the great organizations and agreements like GATT.

The European Commission, the Common Market apparatus, the whole business of the so-called European super state, that economic giant, had been totally irrelevant to the problem of dealing with oil and petro-dollars. He failed to see how British interests had been in any way advanced in this crisis by its membership of the Community.

MR MARTEN (Banbury, C) said that although it was early to judge, Britain's trade with the Community was increasing at a less rapid rate than it had been while trade with the Middle East and developing countries was increasing and had a great capacity for increasing.

Laws were being finalized by wheeling and dealing in secret in Brussels. MPs could scrutinize them but it did not stop ministers going to Brussels, wheeling and dealing and coming back with something completely different.

There was nothing that a newly-elected socialist government in this country could do if there was an anti-socialist majority on a directly-elected European Parliament. He wanted the people of this country to elect the government they wanted and be ruled by the government they wanted, and not to be ruled and legislated upon by people in Europe who did not belong to this country.

Last time (he said) it was the anti-Marketeers who were right. This time it will be the anti-Marketeers who are right. (Cheers.)

MR MARQUAND (Ashfield, Lab) said the renegotiation exercise demonstrated that the Community was a genuine community of partners prepared to take account of each other's vital interests.

If Britain withdrew there would be a catastrophic sterling crisis, but even if that were not so, over the long term Britain would be economically isolated in a much colder world than the world she knew when she entered. It was fantasy to imagine that Britain would somehow get an industrial free trade agreement with the Common Market if she withdrew.

There was loss of sovereignty through membership of the Common Market, but one of the fundamental aspects of socialism must be internationalism and they could not have internationalism unless they were prepared to give up sovereignty to somebody.

It would be an act of national folly to give up the opportunity to continue to influence from within the developments which took place on the mainland of Europe.

MR HUGH FRASER (Stafford and Stone, C) said he was not a passionate Marketeer. Looking back on the history of Britain over the last 30 years, it had been one of retreat from glory—a story not of a great people but of a people, maybe, who had been misled by their own politicians. In all those years there had been one positive, firm act of statesmanship and that was the action of Mr Heath in getting this country joined to the EEC.

The country could now waste far too much time on the referendum. They were living on borrowed time and borrowed money and the sooner the Government and House got down to the solution of the problems the better it would be.

MR FERNYHOUGH (Jarrow, Lab) said pro-Marketeers had said when the United Kingdom entered the Common Market that it would act as a blood transfusion and revitalize the nation. Britain had been in the Common Market surgery and had the advice of the Common Market doctor, and the truth was that the British patient was weaker and more ill today than when she first went to the doctor.

How can we (he went on), as so-called civilized Christian people, ever defend the regulations and rules of a system which puts into storage millions of tons of food and does nothing at a time when stomachs are empty to marry that food to those empty tummies?

MR FAIRGRIEVE (West Aberdeenshire, C) said all member states of the EEC subscribed to regional policy funds and three of them—Italy, Ireland and Britain—got more out than they were putting in. There were fewer bureaucrats in Brussels to look after 250 million people than there were in Scotland to look after five million people. What sort of sovereignty was left in a world which could destroy itself overnight by nuclear holocaust?

MR DAFYDD THOMAS (Merioneth, Pl Cymru) said even if representation was obtained in institutions that existed in the Community, the result would be the creation of a supranational European structure in which it would be even less possible for the smaller regions to have a clear voice because the Community faced a fundamental contradiction in its structure.

If it were to democratize itself all it would be doing would be to create massive democratic institutions which would be so out of touch from the people represented that it would be impossible for those institutions to scrutinize policy decisions or introduce legislation relevant to all the people.

MR ALAN LEE WILLIAMS (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab) said the main missing ingredient in the presentation of the case by Mr Heath was the common touch, so that the general population, Labour MPs and trade unionists thought the EEC was something quite alien to what they were trying to achieve.

Europe would give them the chance not to resurrect the glories of the past, but to help build a Europe sufficiently powerful to compete on equal terms with the Soviet Union and the United States. That was no bad thing.

Likely alternative a Britain isolated and cocooned

SIR GEORGE SINCLAIR (Dorking, C) said so far Britain had not taken advantage of her opportunities because people were skulking about with self-inflicted industrial wounds and dislocations when the country should be thrusting its way into trading opportunities which Europe provided and which would enable Britain to restore her self-respect.

MR OVENDEN (Gravesend, Lab) said he did not attempt to blame all Britain's economic ills on the EEC, but membership was supposed to make it easier for her to solve her problems. They had not seen those opportunities to increase prosperity.

SIR JOHN EDEN (Bournemouth, West, C) said sovereignty was not a document or even a treaty. In reality it was their economic strength, their self-sufficiency and political stability. Sovereignty was preeminently the maintenance of parliamentary government. These aims were more likely to be won by remaining in the EEC.

Deadly upheaval

MR EDELMAN (Coventry, North-West, Lab) said even those who were opposed to the EEC must recognize the deadly upheaval that would take place if the treaties were denounced. The honour of Britain would be damaged. They would appear as treaty-breakers. The credit of Britain and confidence in her stability would be damaged.

Then would come a grave day of reckoning. The Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Trade would have to go hawking around the capitals of the world begging for someone to take Britain on as a partner. He wondered how many doors would be slammed in their faces.

They had a choice of peace and unity with Europe or a return of the fragmentation of the Continent which resulted in so many tragic wars.

Omitted

MRS WINIFRED EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat) said that if Britain was to remain in the EEC her party demanded directly for Scotland appropriate votes, seats and representations in every sector of the institutions.

The renegotiations had achieved almost nothing. They were like the piece of paper that came back from Munich—not worth the paper they were written on. Fishing, steel and energy were omitted from the renegotiations.

Having spent hundreds of years evolving a parliamentary system designed to give backbenchers some control over front benchers it seemed extraordinary that they were going to throw the rights of scrutiny they had developed almost overboard.

As the EEC stood it was not democratic enough for her party.

Cocooned

Let us (he said) lift our eyes a little ahead, cease repeating the arguments of yesteryear or refighting the battles of the last Parliament. Let us set about restoring the confidence of our people by reaffirming our determination to conduct our future as committed members of the European Community.

MR DELL, Paymaster General (Birkenhead, Lab), said that two main alternatives were offered to membership of the European Community. The first was a highly protected Britain, protected from international competition. If they decided to leave the Community that would be the most likely alternative for this country to adopt—not the open seas but the closed door, Britain isolated and cocooned.

Interesting

Whatever the attractions of such a policy, and some of the strongest economies in the world were built up behind such effective barriers, recent experience showed how difficult, if not impossible, it was in current circumstances to maintain such policies sufficiently long for them to have a beneficial effect, even on the most optimistic interpretation of the consequences of such policies.

The second main alternative to the EEC was an industrial free trade area with the old Efta, with the EEC, or with both. This proposal was interesting because it bore on the question whether membership of a larger market and a more rapidly growing market was beneficial economically to this country.

He did not expect that such beneficial effects would rapidly accrue. There were great advantages in a larger market. It provided stimulus to the export sector which was the most efficient and fastest growing sector of the manufacturing economy.

There was likely to be increased specialization and standards and longer production runs as a result of membership of such a market.

If one believed in that proposition, it seemed to him reckless to leave the European Community when there was no evidence that they could establish a free trade area with the EEC or even with Efta.

If the Community were going to grant Britain industrial free trade it was only too likely that they would insist also on an agricultural component. Even within Efta, which was an industrial free trade area, there was increasing pressure for an agricultural component.

The British Government in 1968 decided to cut the aluminium smelter project by a sizable amount to meet Efta objections. Any idea that membership of a free trade area conferred freedom from interference with industrial policies was totally false. It is in our interest (he said) that there should be rules governing industrial and regional policy, provided they leave us sufficient freedom of action.

Private Bills

The British Waterways Bill was read the third time. The Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill was read a second time.

Community regional fund should be larger

European Parliament
Luxembourg

Parliament voted in favour of increasing expenditure on regional aid from 150m units of account (about £70m), as proposed by the Commission, to 300m units of account (about £140m)

Voting took place on three amendments tabled by the Committee on Budgets to the draft amending and supplementary budget number one of the communities for the financial year 1975. The proposals to increase expenditure were contained in a report from the Committee on Budgets.

The first amendment, designed to increase the guidance section expenditure of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund by 50m units of account, was carried with 106 votes for, none against, and four abstentions.

HERR AIGNER (West Germany, C-D) on behalf of the committee, then moving the amendment to increase the allocation to the European Regional Development Fund in 1975 to 300m units of account, said the Paris summit, the Council of Ministers, and the Commission had all said that at least 300m units of account would be written into the 1975 budget. The Commission had however, only earmarked 150m units of account from the agriculture fund to the item devoted to regional policy. The amendment took the matter back to square one.

The committee in their amendment said that since the Commission in its preliminary draft budget had proposed the allocation of only 150m units of account to the regional fund, and since the Council had adopted the same stand point, Parliament considered that those appropriations might well prove insufficient to launch the regional fund effectively and rapidly. It therefore proposed that expenditure be increased by 150m units of account, to be available whenever the need should arise without it being necessary to resort to the supplementary budget procedure.

The amendment was carried with 115 votes for, none against, and no abstentions.

Because these amendments were carried, the committee then proposed an amendment which called for a new rate of increase of 68.35 per cent.

The amendment was carried with 116 votes for, none against and six abstentions.

Rights of those affected by mergers

M DE KEERSMAEKER (Belgium, C-D) moved adoption of a report from the Legal Affairs Committee dealing with the Commission's proposals for a directive for safeguarding the rights of those affected by company mergers.

The report, while welcoming the directive, asked Parliament to amend it so that an arbitration procedure could be set up when labour and management disagreed about the desirability of a merger.

The amendment proposed that if the employees' representatives considered that the merger might be prejudicial to their interests, management should initiate negotiations with the employees' representatives to reach agreement on the measures to be taken for the benefit of the employees.

If, the amendment continued, after two months no agreement could be reached between the parties, each of them could refer the matter to an arbitration body which would reach a final decision on the measures to be taken for the benefit of the employees.

LADY ELLES (United Kingdom, C) said that an arbitration procedure should not be protracted more than necessary, but any time limit imposed on a system of arbitration must be doomed to failure because it put pressure on a board to come to a decision which might not be in the best interest of the employees. It was probably better not to have a time limit on the arbitration procedure.

MR GUNDELACH, Commissioner with responsibility for the internal market including European company law, said he would reserve the right to examine any time limit set on the arbitration procedure.

The committee's proposals were adopted.

MR YEATS (Ireland, DEP) successfully moved the adoption of a report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on a proposed Commission directive on the harmonization of the legislation of member states on the rights of employees in mergers, takeovers and amalgamation. The report invited the Commission to bring out a directive on individual dismissals in addition to the directive on mass dismissals.

[F]INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

[T]om Martin [s]ees great [p]otential [i]n exports

[E]xports of Tom Martin Metals [Gr]oup last year leapt almost [fiv]efold to £2.2m and Mr [Art]hur Hubert, chairman, feels [tha]t there is a vast potential in [the] overseas market. The board [hop]e to be able to exploit this [rapid]ly and profitably, and have [no] doubt that joining the [Eu]ropean Community will [gre]atly enhance the group's [act]ivities in this field.

[D]uring a period when liquid[ity] created many problems [thr]oughout industry Martin [acc]umulated a substantial cash [bal]ance and this will be utilized [for] the group's benefit. Capital [ex]penditure in 1975 will amount [to] £340,000, bringing the past [thre]e years' total up to £1.1m. A [v]ery strong" cash position en[sur]es that the group is entirely [sel]f-financing.

Pre-tax profits last year ran [up] by £1m to a record £2.7m.

[E]lectra group [e]xpansion

Electra Group Services, which [man]ages some £300m of invest[me]nt trust company funds, has [en]tered the field of pension [fun]d management.

This development is in line [wi]th the company's decision to [ex]pand its activities. So far it [ha]s acquired interests in [Lo]ndon stockjobbers Akroyd [an]d Smithers, the Exchange [Te]legraph Co, and in M. W. [M]arshall Investments, inter[na]tional money brokers.

In addition the group has [re]cently acquired a stake in [O]ppenheimer and Co, institu[tio]nal brokers in New York.

[L]ondon & Manchester [r]ecoup market losses

Mr Lewis Whyte, chairman of [L]ondon & Manchester Assur[an]ce, reports that a recent [va]luation of Stock Exchange [in]vestments at end-February [sh]ows a recovery of more than [£]1m which more than recoups [th]e market shortfall of £28.5m [at] the end of 1974. The result [of] changes in the investment [p]ortfolio last year has raised [th]e expectation of still higher [in]vestment income in 1975, com[b]ined with the recovery in asset [v]alues.

The board, he says, have great [c]onfidence about the future of [th]e group and that during the [fi]rst quarter of the current year [th]ere has been an encouraging [e]xpansion in the new business [o]f both life branches.

[B]USINESS COMPUTERS

The co's receiver states that [th]ere will not be sufficient funds [to] make any repayment to share[h]olders, and the shares must be [c]onsidered valueless.

[H]IGHLAND ELECTRONICS

Group turnover for half-year to [O]ctober 31, 1974, is £1.51m against [£1].37m for 1973. Group trading [p]rofit £160,275 (£155,187). Group [n]et profit after tax and other [c]harges £62,126 (£69,482). In [a]ccordance with company policy no [i]nterim dividend is being paid.

[U]K metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Ex[c]hange official warehouses at the [e]nd of last week (in tonnes unless [s]tated):

Copper rose 2,050 to 177,850; Tin fell 70 to 3,415; Lead fell 1,650 to 30,275; Zinc fell 1,275 to 11,875; Silver rose 60,000 to 12,220,000 troy ounces.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank ..	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
Shenley Trust ..	12 %
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 7½%, up to £25,000 7¾%, over £25,000 8¼%.

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

ORDINARY DIVIDEND NO. 77

Further to the dividend notice advertised in the press on the 28th February 1975 the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the above-mentioned dividend is £1=R1.622587 equivalent to 13.25044p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 13.479 per cent.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.0	7.1	4.7
117	90	Henry Sykes	117	—	4.9	4.2	7.5
61	29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	60	—	12.0	20.0	—

Commodities

Cocoa down £22.50 a tonne

COCOA futures slumped heavily in a major sell-off at mid-afternoon yesterday on the news of a 34.5 per cent drop in the United States first-quarter grindings from the same 1974 quarter.

Heavy long liquidation and stop-loss selling were especially featured in a market suddenly devoid of any noteworthy support apart from scale-down shortcovering.

Certain sources said that the recent price structure had been geared to a decline of about 20 per cent but a drop of 34.5 per cent had been a great surprise to much of the market. Certain dealers see further declines in prices particularly if the United Kingdom grind follows a similar pattern.

The United Kingdom grind yesterday morning was forecast at about 10 to 15 per cent down. Losses during a prolonged mid-afternoon call extended to £25.60 per tonne.

Late dealings in futures were irregular, but with some positions moving yet again to new "lows" for the day. Shortcovering provided a marginal uplift from the lows at the final call, but the overall tone was easy. On balance losses ranged from £22.50 (nearby May) to £8.00 per tonne.

May, £619.0-19.5 a metric ton; July, £548.5-49.0; Sept, £568.5-69.0; March, ... Sales, 3,916 lots, including seven options. ICO prices, daily, ... 15-day average, 61.93c; 22-day 62.40c.

COPPER.—Wire bars and cathodes were both steady and quiet yesterday.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £572.50-73.00 a metric ton; three months, £590.50-91.00. Sales, 1,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £562-63.00; three months, £580-81.00. Sales, 425 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £570.50-71.00; three months, £588.50-89.00. Settlement, £571.00. Sales, 3,425 tons. Cash cathodes, £561-61.50; three months, £577-79.00. Settlement, £561.50. Sales, 1,500 tons.

SILVER closed steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 174.40p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 414.9); three months, 178.50p (419.6c); six months, 183.60p (426.2c); one-year, 196.00p (441.0c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 176.1-76.3p; three months, 179.5-79.5p; seven months, 185-86.0p. Sales, 331 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, 174.5-74.6p; three months, 178.4-78.6p; seven months, 184.5-85.5p. Settlement, 174.6p. Sales, 53 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was quiet; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,025-27 a metric ton; three months, £3,050-55. Sales, 1,495 tons. High grade, cash, £3,023-27; three months, £3,050-60. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,028-30; three months, £3,055-57. Settlement, £3,030. Sales, 130 tons. High grade, cash, £3,028-30; three months, £3,055-60. Settlement, £3,030. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM955 a picul.

LEAD.—Cash metal recouped all of Monday's loss yesterday and closed £10 higher. Three months rose by £3.75. Afternoon.—Cash, £205-6.00 a metric ton; three months, £199-99.50. Sales, 3,125 tons. Morning.—Cash, £205-6.00; three months, £198-9.00. Settlement, £206.00. Sales, 4,300 tons.

ZINC was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £331.50-32.00 a metric ton; three months, £330-30.50. Sales, 200 tons. Morning.—Cash, £333-4.00; three months, £331-2.00. Settlement, £334.00. Sales, 1,160 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 75p yesterday to £61.75-£63.75 ($147-$152) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, April-May, £244.00; Bangladesh white "D" grade, April-May, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, April-May, Rs440; Dundee Daisee, April-May, Rs370 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—May, 157.0-59.5p per kilo; July, 160.0-61.0p; Oct, 165.0-66.0p; Dec, 167.0-68.0p; March, 172.0-73.0p; May, 173.0-75.0p; July, 174.0-76.0p; Oct, 174.5-78.0p. Sales, nil.

The new SOYABEAN MEAL futures market in London opened yesterday on a barely steady note, with general selling interest taking prices as much as £2.50 per tonne below first-traded levels by the end of the morning.

Dealers felt the early selling was encouraged by recent rather quiet and easier conditions in the physical market.

Later in the day, improved buying and covering (...) lifted prices well above the "lows", aided by steadier advices from Chicago.

At the close, prices were £0.10 lower to £0.90 higher than levels ruling at the end of the initial call. A total of 149 lots of 100 tonnes each were traded.

Aug, £69.00-69.10 a metric ton; Oct, £70.90-71.00; Dec, £72.00-73.10; Feb, £73.90-75.20; April, £73.40-75.00; June, £73.90-74.90; Aug, £74.20-75.00. Sales, 149 lots of 100 tonnes.

RUBBER closed slightly easier.—May, 27.25-27.70p per kilo; June, 27.40-... July/Sept, 28.30-28.30p; Oct/Dec, 29.65-29.70p; Jan/March, 30.75-30.80p; April/June, 31.50-31.60p; July/Sept, 32.15-32.20p; Oct/Dec, 33.65-33.75p; Jan/March, 34.00-35.25p. Sales, 69 15-tonne lots.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 26.00-27.50p. Cifs: May, 25.85-25.95p; June, 26.35-26.60p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 36.0-39.0p; English hindquarters, 46.0-47.0p; English forequarters, 26.0-28.0p; Eire hindquarters, 45.0-47.0p; Eire forequarters, 26.0-28.0p.

VEAL.—English fats, 34.0-40.0p; English bests, 14.0-16.0p; English mediums, 12.0-13.0p; English bobbies, 10.0-13.0p; Scotch bobbies, 8.0-12.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 60.0-63.0p.

LAMB.—English small—new season, 44.0-50.0p; English small—new season, 50.0p; English medium—new season, 45.0-48.0p; English heavy—new season, 44.0-46.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 30.0-31.0p; 3's, 29.0-30.5p; 8's, 28.5-29.0p; YL's, 28.5-30.5p.

HOGGETS.—English, 26.0-36.0p; Scotch, 31.0-36.0p; Scotch, 38.0p.

PORK.—English, under 100lb, 27.0-35.0p; 100-120lb, 27.0-32.0p; 120-160lb, 27.0-30.0p; 160-180lb, 25.0-28.0p; 180lb and over, 23.0-24.0p.

*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

EGGS.—Home-produced: A good demand continues for large and standards with all available supplies showing clearance. Medium have been slower than other grades to find buyers at the higher asking price. Some delays are reported in supplies from Northern Ireland.

Imported: All arrivals are finding a very good offtake and are clearing readily.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer/first-hand): White Wed/Thur/Fri Mon/Tues; Large £3.10 to 3.30, £3.20 to 3.35; Standard £2.80 to 3.00, £3.05 to 3.10; Medium £2.50 to 2.60, £2.50 to 2.60; Small £2.10 to 2.20, £2.10 to 2.20. Brown: Large £3.30 to 3.60, £3.50 to 3.66; Standard £3.00 to 3.20, £3.20 to 3.30.

Imported prices (in £), current arrivals (April 7-12): French 2's, £3.55 to 3.15; 3's, £2.80 to 3.00; 4's, £2.70 to 2.80; 5's, £2.35 to 2.50. Dutch 3's, £3.10; 3's, £2.65 to 3.90; 5's, £2.25 to 2.40; 6's, £3.00 to 3.10. Belgian 2's, £3.00; 3's, £2.80; 4's, £2.70; 5's, £2.35; 6's, £2.05.

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

COFFEE.—Robustas closed £0.50 to £3.00 a tonne down on balance.—May, £423.0-25.0 a metric ton; July, £415.5-16.0; Sept, £414.5-15.0; Nov, £415.5-16.0; Jan, £417.0-17.5; March, £419.5-20.0; May, £420.0-21.0. Sales, 413 lots, including two options.

ARABICAS were quiet. April £52.00-55.00 per 50 kilos; June, £55.40-56.00; Aug, £57.80-57.90; Oct, £58.30-58.40; Dec, £59.50-60.50; Feb, £59.30-60.00; April, £59.50-60.50. Sales: five lots.

SUGAR futures continued to advance after lunch yesterday on shortcovering and stoploss buying orders which met mixed scale-up selling and local profit-taking. At the close, values were £11.00 to £14.80 higher on balance and sales totalled 3,163 lots.

Dealers felt the trend may have been aided by market reports that Turkey will be in the world market on April 21 for 45,000 tonnes of June shipment white sugar.

The London daily price was unchanged at £330 a long ton.—May, £232.80-30.00 a long ton; August, £222.50-3.00; Oct, £200.00-4.25; Dec, £199.50-200.25; March, £192.00-3.00; May, £187.00-9.00; August, £185.00-6.00. Sales, 3,163 lots. ISA prices, daily, 23.05c. 17-day average, 26.23c.

TEA.—There was a good general demand for the 10,365 packages of Ceylon teas offered at yesterday's sale, the teabrokers' Association said. Plainer sorts tended irregular, but all others were fully firm to dearer.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring number two 14 per cent: May, £82.15; June, £81.60; July, £81.50 transhipment east coast. All a long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY steady.—May, £49.50; Sept, £53.45; Nov, £54.85; Jan, £56.55; March, £58.55.—WHEAT, steady.—May, £54.85; Sept, £54.45; Nov, £57.40; Jan, £59.50; March, £61.55. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Feed WHEAT.—King's Lynn £48.00.—Feeding BARLEY.—Edinburgh £48.00.

Recent Issues

		Closing price
Finance for Ind 13½% Ln (£99½e)		£27¼
Kellock 10p Cnv Units		32
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980(£98)		£51-1
Mid Kent Wtr 10% Rd Pf(*)		£101¼
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (1 b)		£13½
Southend 12¾% 1981(£99¾b)		£99½-¼
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf(*)		£102½
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (1 b)		£103¾
Warwickshire 12½% 1980(£99¾b)		£104-¼
RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barratt Dev(60p)	May 23	32 prem-5
Bestobell(88p)	Mar 9	15 prem+3
Bridon(85)	May 16	117-2
Cons Gold Fields (185p)	May 16	26 prem+6
£3(80)	May 2	103-5
General Mining(R32p)	May 2	10 prem
Guardian Rt(130)	May 2	154-3
Macpherson, D.(25p)	May 16	8½ prem
Midland Bank(185p)	May 2	31 prem+1
RTZ(125)	May 2	134+1
Sketchley Ord(38)	May 16	50
Streeter(90p)	May 22	8½ prem-1
Unigate(39p)	May 9	2½ prem+1

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £65 paid. b £10 paid. e £30 paid. f £40 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Dollar weaker

The dollar weakened on foreign exchanges yesterday despite indications that American interest rates would continue to rise.

In early deals the currency scored moderate gains as Eurodollar rates firmed in the wake of sharp rises in United States Treasury bill yields, which could well lead to higher prime rates in the near future. But dealers said much of the dollar's climb was due to one large purchaser switching out of sterling and into the dollar.

Sterling closed slightly better against the dollar, advancing 20 points to $2.3825. The "effective" rate widened to 21.7 from 21.6 per cent.

Gold rose $1.75 an ounce, to $174.25.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 8	Market rates (close) April 8
New York	$2.3780-3830	$2.3820-3830
Montreal	$2.3820-4005	$2.3990-4000
Amsterdam	5.73-78fl	5.74-75fl
Brussels	83.40-90f	83.50-70f
Copenhagen	13.00-10k	13.06¼-09¼k
Frankfurt	5.61-65m	5.61¾-62¼m
Lisbon	58.10-50e	58.25-45e
Madrid	133.70-134.20p	134.00-20p
Milan	1505-10lr	1506-08lr
Oslo	11.78-83k	11.79½-80½k
Paris	10.03-08f	10.03¾-04¼f
Stockholm	9.41-45k	9.41½-42½k
Tokyo	692-700y	696-98y
Vienna	39.70-40.20sch	39.75-85sch
Zurich	6.05-08f	6.06-07f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.1% to 21.7%.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.05-0.95c prem	2.90-2.80c prem
Montreal	1.10-1.00c prem	3.30-3.20c prem
Amsterdam	3-2c prem	9-8c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	95-75c prem
Copenhagen	2¾ore prem-1ore disc	6-3ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	11-10pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-60c disc	90c prem-100c disc
Milan	1-4lr disc	7-10lr disc
Oslo	1-4ore disc	4½-7½ore disc
Paris	par-2c disc	3c-1c prem
Stockholm	2ore prem-1ore disc	2¾ore prem-1ore disc
Vienna	30gro prem-par	75-35gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	11-10c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9926-28.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5½-5⅞; seven days, 5½-6; one month, 6½-6⅝; three months, 7¼-7⅜; six months, 8¼-8⅜.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $173½ (an ounce); pm, $174.00. Krugerrand (per coin): $178½-180¼ (£75-76). Sovereigns: (old), $54-55½ (£23-23½); (new), $56-57½ (£23½-24½).

Discount market

Credit was in full supply in the discount market yesterday, and the Bank of England eventually intervened to "mop up" a surplus by selling a moderate amount of Treasury bills directly to the houses. However, the "mopping up" appeared to have been slightly overdone and the market became rather patchy at the close.

Final balances were taken anywhere between 4 and 9 per cent, after opening in the region of 7½ to 8 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10%
(Last changed 21/3/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½-10¾%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 8½ Close 5
Week Fixed: 8½-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅞	2 months	9⅝
3 months	9¼	3 months	9¼

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅝-9½	3 months	11
3 months	9½-9⅜	4 months	11½
4 months	9⅝-9½	6 months	11½
6 months	9⅝-9¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10⅛	7 months	10¾-10⅝
2 months	10¼-10⅛	8 months	10¾-10⅝
3 months	10¼-10⅛	9 months	11¼-10⅞
4 months	10¼-10⅛	10 months	11¼-10⅞
5 months	10½-10¼	11 months	11¼-10⅞
6 months	10½-10⅜	12 months	11¼-10⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9½-9⅜	6 months	10⅛-9⅞
3 months	9⅝-9½	12 months	10⅜-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8½-8¾	3 months	9⅝
7 days	8½-9	6 months	10
1 month	9¼	1 year	11¼-11½

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 8¼ Close 10

1 week	8½-8¾	6 months	10-10⅛
1 month	9¼-9	9 months	10⅛
3 months	9⅝-9½	12 months	10⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rates%)
3 months 10 6 months 10½

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Issues & Loans

Marley assured of £14m cash for five years

Marley, the building products major, has negotiated a commitment from Barclays Bank to provide £10m, if and when required, over the next five years. This is in addition to available United Kingdom overdraft facilities totalling £4m.

These funds will be used to implement growth plans over the period and to maintain the company's "relatively strong" financial position during a possible period of extended inflation.

United Kingdom cash flow estimates (states the board) show that the new facilities should comfortably exceed requirements. A low point will be reached at the end of 1975, continuing into early 1976. Recovery is then indicated with the beginning of a sustained period of growth in Marley's business, particularly if world inflation recedes during subsequent years.

These increased borrowings, plus further borrowings by overseas subsidiaries, are estimated to leave the group indebtedness at not more than 30 per cent of total capital employed in 1978, compared with 24 per cent at October 31, 1974.

CFP plans to float Deutsche mark loan

A DM100m (£18.1m) 10-year debenture is to be floated by Cie Francaise des Petroles with an expected coupon of 8 per cent. The issue will be redeemable after four years, and the offering price will be set later. Commerzbank has been named as the leading manager.—Agencies.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1981	101¼	102¼
Airlease 8¼ 1988	86	89
Ashland 8 1987	87¼	88¼
BICC 7¼ 1987	67	70
Bristol 8¼ 1979	91¼	93¼
British Steel Corp 8¼ 1989	86	89
Burlington 7¾ 1987	87¾	88¾
Carrier 8 1987	87¾	88¾
Chevron 7 1980	97¼	99
Conoco 7 1980	96¼	98
Conoco 8 1980	91¼	92¼
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	80¼	83¼
Coventry 8¼ 1987	91¼	93¼
Coventry 8¼ 1980	90	92
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	89¼	90¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	100¼	101¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Dana 8 1987	83	89
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1991	83¼	84¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	79¼	80¼
Dundee 9¾ 1985	92	94
Lacom 9¼ 1987	88	90
Escom Floating Rate 1981	96¼	97¼
First Chicago 7 1980	93	94
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	78	80
GATX 8¼ 1987	87	88
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987	76	79
ICI 7¾ 1992	77	80
International Util 8¼ 1985	93¼	94¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	75	78
Manchester 8¼ 1981	87	89
Mexico 8¼ 1991	81	87
Michelin 7¾ 1988	81	82
Mitsubishi 9 1989	93	95
Motorola 8 1987	8¼	10¼
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	77	80
Nat Coal Board 8¼ 1988	86	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	101¼	102¼
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	85	86
Occidental 7¼ 1984	79	80
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	88¼	89¼
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	101	102
Pennwalt 8 1987	83¼	84¼
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	83¼	84¼
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	85¼	86¼
Scanraff 8¼ 1988	91	92
Shell 7¼ 1987	89¼	90¼
Singer 11 1977	100	101
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
Slough 8 1988	61	66
South Africa 8 1987	81	83
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	99¼	100¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	96	97
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	89¼	90¼
Sybron 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	81¼	82¼
Textron 7¾ 1987	81¼	82¼
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	88¼	89¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96¼	98
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	88¼	89¼
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	93	94
Volvo 8 1987	87¼	88¼
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	81	85
DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981	103¼	104¼
Charter (DM) 6¼ 1988	79	80
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1980/84	80	81
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1980	100¼	101¼
Lacom (DM) 7 1973/88	73	74
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1988/87	88	89
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	89¼	90¼
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	103¼	104¼
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	89¼	90¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1980	103¼	104¼
Sundsvall (DM) 8¼ 1970/85	92	93
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	90	91
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	60	62
Amer Express 4¼ 1987	77	78
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	84	86
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	100	102
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993	90	92
Borden 5 1993	85	87
Borden 6¼ 1991	90	92
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	70	72
Carnation 4 1987	82	84
Chevron 5 1992	85	87
Cummins 6¼ 1986	81	85
Dart 4¾ 1987	73	75
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	105	107
Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	80	82
Laton 5 1987	72	74
Ford 6 1988	68	70
Ford 6 1986	79	81
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76	78
Gould 5 1987	72¼	74¼
General Electric 4¼ 1987	84	86
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	106	108
Harris 5 1987	66	68
Honeywell 6 1986	77	79
ITT 4¼ 1987	67	69
J. Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987	110	112
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	109	110
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	87	89
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	82	84
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	79	81
Revlon 4¼ 1987	91	93
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	47	49
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	81	85
Squibb 4¼ 1987	83	86
Texaco 4¾ 1988	68	70
Union Carbide 4¼ 1982	99	101
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	89	91
Xerox Corp 5 1988	69¼	71¼

D = Deutschemark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Yearling coupon up

The interest rate on yearling bond issues has been varied again this week, this time up from 11¼ per cent to 11½ per cent; the coupon is at par against a discount of 1-16 per cent.

Out of a total of £14.3m being raised by 20 authorities, £8m is being raised by seven councils of which two, Buckinghamshire County Council and the London Borough of Hounslow, are each raising £1.5m. Six councils, Borough of Knowsley, Fife County Council, the London Borough of Enfield, the London Borough of Havering, Medway District Council and Wychavon District Council, are each raising £1m.

LOAN FOR INDONESIA

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp has signed a $55m (£2.2m) loan agreement with Indonesian government to finance telecommunications programme being handled by BICC. Co-managers include Grindlays Bank.

GUYANA BAUXITE

Company is raising $23m five-year syndicated loan on Euromarket, carrying a spread of 2¼ per cent over London Eurodollar rates. Managers include Orion Bank.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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Wesleyan & General Assurance Society

Extracts from the speech of the Chairman, Mr. D. R. Woodgate, M.Com., F.I.A., in moving the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1974.

New Business

In 1974 the Society wrote a record amount of new life assurance business. Annual premiums for new life assurance policies issued during the year totalled £1,809,000, an increase of 23.5% over the 1973 figure of £1,464,000. This good increase was substantially contributed to by an increase of 34% in new life assurance premiums in the Industrial Department.

The net premium income of the General Insurance Departments rose in 1974 to £1,856,000 from £1,513,000 in 1973, an increase of 23%.

The total net premium income of the Society in 1974 was £13,804,000 compared with £12,844,000 in 1973.

Investments

The Book Value of the Society's invested assets is now over £111m. The market value of the assets fell to a low level at the end of the year.

The bulk of money available for investment was either retained in short term deposits or was used to add to our Freehold Land and Buildings and House Purchase and Investment Mortgages.

A large part of the Society's assets are invested in redeemable securities matched to its liabilities under its life assurance policies in the years in which they mature. The fall in market values during the year has not, therefore, had a serious effect upon the security held by the Society against its liabilities because the assets will be redeemed when the policies mature.

It has been necessary to transfer £5,000,000 and £2,300,000 from the Industrial Department and Ordinary Department respectively to Investments Reserve to offset the fall in market value of the irredeemable securities including land and buildings. These transfers were from extra reserves and reserves held for future terminal bonus which were held in addition to the liabilities brought out by the actuarial valuation. It has not been necessary, therefore, to alter the basis of valuation of liabilities from that of last year, which assumed that 3% net interest in the Industrial Department and 2½% net in the Ordinary Department will be earned over future years, although this course might have been justifiable.

Segregation of Assets

The Schedule of Investments and the Certificates as to their valuation reflect the requirements of the regulations issued under the Insurance Companies Amendment Act 1973 in regard to the segregation of long term assets and liabilities. The object of these regulations is the protection of the interests of long term policyholders by the identification of the assets backing their funds, as distinct from those available to meet the liabilities of other departments.

Reversionary Bonuses

After taking account of the fall in market values of assets which is associated with favourable investment conditions for new money, and notwithstanding the uncertain future as regards expenses, it has been decided to declare reversionary bonuses in the Industrial Department and Ordinary Department at the same rates as last year. These bonuses are at the rate of £2.50% of death claims and £3.00% of maturity claims in the Industrial Department and £3.80% for Ordinary policies and £5.00% for Equity policies in the Ordinary Department.

Terminal Bonuses

It has been decided to alter the form of the terminal bonus in both Life Departments to 20% of the reversionary bonuses payable on the death or survivance of the life assured, provided his policy has been 10 years in force. The terminal bonus payable on recurring endowments has been declared as 7½% of the recurring endowment whether it be decennial or quinquennial. Terminal bonuses are payable in the Industrial Department on claims by death or maturity after 7th April 1975 and before 6th April 1976 or until further notice and in the Ordinary Department on claims by death or maturity after 1st March 1975 and before 2nd March 1976 or until further notice.

General Insurance Departments

Inflation causes the level of claims under Household and Motor policies to rise substantially. The effects were particularly evident in the motor account which showed a trading loss of £17,262 (£6,977 loss in 1973).

There was a trading profit of £131,398 in the Property Insurance Department (£120,926 in 1973), and an overall trading profit in the General Departments of £152,113 (£134,239 in 1973).

After adding Investment Income and charging Corporation Tax payable the resultant overall surplus amounted to £329,857.

Expenses

The rising level of expenses poses a problem which is particularly marked in the Life Assurance Departments. Premiums which were fixed many years ago, on estimates of a level of expenses made at that time, cannot be increased to meet the mounting level of expenses now imposed upon us by inflation. If vigorous efforts are made to increase the total premium income by writing substantial amounts of new business, as was successfully achieved in the Industrial Department in 1974, the inescapable result is a substantial rise in the expense ratio.

A very high percentage of our costs relate to employees' earnings and expenses. As these costs rise in consequence of inflation, so does the cost of providing the benefits under the Staff Pension Scheme and Widows & Orphans Fund.

Each time earnings rise, prospective pensions rise and under current inflationary conditions it becomes increasingly difficult to make the appropriate provision. We are also now faced with substantially increased contributions for the provision of State retirement pensions and widows' benefits, and by the costs of preserving pensions. These costs will be further increased under the proposed new State Pension Scheme.

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Stock Exchange Prices

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 7. Dealings End, April 18. § Contango Day, April 21. Settlement Day, April 29.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1974/75 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
95¾	95¼	Treas	5% 1975	99¾	• ..	8.010	9.334
97¼	90¾	Savings	3% 1965-75	97¼	+¼	3.085	9.250
97¾	89¾	Exch	6½% 1976	97¾	-¼	6.448	9.134
94¼	86	Treas	6½% 1976	96	-¼	6.770	9.747
94½	85	Victory	4% 1976	94	..	4.082	9.171
100½	94½	Treas	10½% 1976	100¾	-¼	10.414	9.943
94¼	84¾	Treas	6¾% 1977	93¾	-¼	6.896	10.173
90½	81¼	Elec	3% 1974-77	90¼	-¼	3.326	8.696
100¾	95¾	Treas	11¼% 1977	101¼	+¼	11.124	9.855
88¾	84	Treas	3% 1977	86¾	• ..	3.499	9.294
87½	74¾	Trans	4% 1972-77	86¾	-¼	4.643	8.639
96½	82½	Treas	9% 1978	96¾	-¼	9.311	10.380
99½	95	Treas	10½% 1978	99	-¼	10.606	10.851
86½	76	Exch	5% 1976-78	86	..	5.813	9.862
74¼	65½	Treas	3% 1979	77¼	-¼	3.858	9.215
102½	94½	Treas	11½% 1979	101¾	-¼	11.304	10.933
80¾	69½	Elec	4¼% 1974-79	80¾	-¼	5.271	9.605
96¼	93½	Treas	10½% 1979	96¾	+¼	10.638	10.850
78¼	67¼	Elec	3½% 1976-79	77¼	• ..	4.494	9.555
96	81½	Treas Cnv	9% 1980	93¾	-¼	9.636	10.700
83½	69½	Fund	5½% 1978-80	82¼	-¼	6.495	10.091
77	64¼	Treas	3½% 77-80	C77¼	-¼	4.637	9.696
77½	61¾	Treas	3½% 79-81	Sl73¾	-¼	4.803	9.681
91	73½	Treas	8¼% 1980-82	89¼	-¼	9.666	11.108
101¾	86½	Treas.	12% 1983	102½	-¼	11.796	11.859
74	58	Fund	5½% 1982-84	75¼	-¼	7.341	9.926
83¼	61½	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	83¼	-¼	10.442	11.481
72¾	51¼	Fund	6½% 1985-87	69¼	-¼	9.434	11.296
74¼	53	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	73¾	-¼	10.727	12.042
46¼	32¼	Trans	3% 1978-88	43¼	-¼	6.967	11.467
55¼	38¼	Treas	5% 1986-89	52¼	-¼	9.510	11.960
77½	53¼	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	73¼	-¼	11.698	12.668
58	41¼	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	53¼	-¼	10.808	12.634
97¾	93¾	Treas	12½% 1993	95¾	-¼	13.173	13.244
57¼	40¼	Fund	6% 1993	51¼	-¼	11.771	13.109
76¼	54¼	Treas	9% 1994	72¼	-¼	13.080	13.573
45½	25¾	Rdmptn	3% 1986-96	30¼	-¼	9.737	12.106
37¼	24¼	Gas	3% 1990-95	31¼	-¼	9.433	12.137
102	75	Treas	12¾% 1995	95¼	• ..	13.515	13.562
77¼	54¼	Treas	9% 1992-96	68¼	-¼	13.362	13.685
61½	40¼	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	51¼	-¼	13.086	13.744
73¼	53¼	Treas	8¾% 1997	65¼	-¼	13.430	13.474
77¼	54¼	Treas	9¼% 1999	72¼	-¼	13.589	13.835
33¼	21¼	Fund	3½% 1999-04	29¼	-¼	12.256	13.073
67½	46¼	Treas	8% 2002-06	58¼	-¼	13.781	13.927
45½	32¼	Treas	5½% 2008-12	40¼	-¼	13.779	13.900
63¼	43¼	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	56¼	-¼	14.006	14.051
31¼	22¼	Consols	4%	28¼	-¼	14.405	..
24¼	20¼	War Ln	3½%	25¼	-¼	13.921	..
29½	20¼	Conv	3½%	27¼	-¼	13.437	..
21¼	17¼	Treas	3%	20¼	-¼	14.481	..
20¼	14	Consols	2½%	17¼	-¼	14.312	..
20¼	14¼	Treas.	2½% Aft 75	17¼	-¼	14.438	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
85¼	73¼	Aust	5½% 76-78	83	-¼	6.621	12.308
77¼	65½	Aust	5½% 77-80	77	-¼	7.284	12.510
81	58¼	Aust	5½% 81-82	68¼	-¼	8.071	12.474
69¼	53¼	Aust	6% 81-83	69¼	-¼	9.036	13.459
85¼	81	Aust	6% 74-76	92	-¼	6.516	11.858
77¼	57¼	Aust	7% 79-81	77¼	-¼	9.149	12.427
100	84	Berlin	4½% Ass	84	..	..	..
95	95	Chilean Mixed		95	..	..	..
58¼	52	E Africa	5½% 77-83	58	-¼	10.233	15.329
193	189	German	4½% 1930	192	..	..	..
27¼	23	Hungary	4½% 1924	23	..	..	..
70	58¼	Ireland	7½% 81-83	73	-¼	..	..
90	72½	Jamaica	7½% 77-79	90	..	9.911	14.639
154	94	Japan Ass	4% 1910	147	-5	..	..
62½	46	Japan	6% 83-88	56	+2	..	..
60	52½	Kenya	5% 78-82	58	-¼	8.727	15.309
76	64	Malaya	7¾% 78-82	75½	-¼	10.092	13.052
77	67¼	N Z	6% 76-80	76½	-¼	7.909	12.903
98½	85½	N Z	4% 75-76	95¼	-¼	8.327	12.023
62¼	44	N Z	7½% 88-92	38½	-¼	14.965	15.387
70	54	N Z	7½% 83-86	65½	-¼	11.335	13.430
74	66½	N Rhd	6% 78-81	74	-¼	8.284	12.268
71½	61½	Nyasa	6% 78-81	71	-¼	8.626	13.611
110	80	Peru	6% Ass	110	..	..	..
83½	83½	S A Gov	5½% 74-76	93	-¼	..	..
45	16	S Rhd	2½% 65-70	35	-2	..	..
37	18	S Rhd	4½% 87-92	25	-1	..	..
53	24	S Rhd	6% 78-81	45	-1	..	..
55	49	Spanish	4%	55	..	..	..
62	55	Tang	5½% 78-82	60½	..	9.605	15.400
74	61	Uruguay	3½%	71	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
24¼	19½	L C C	3% 1920	20	-¼	15.241	..
61	50	L C C	5% 80-83	61	-1½	8.201	13.000
73½	58¼	L C C	5½% 77-81	69	-1½	8.015	12.801
64	48¼	L C C	5½% 82-84	61	-1½	9.199	13.138
54½	39¼	L C C	5½% 85-87	55	-1½	10.317	13.402
85½	74	L C C	6% 75-78	84	-1	7.139	12.901
78½	66	L C C	6% 76-79	77½	-1	7.730	12.877
61	45	L C C	6½% 88-90	57½	-1	12.088	13.737
94	87½	G L C	6½% 1976	94	..	7.161	11.709
90½	81	G L C	6½% 1977	89½	-¼	7.282	13.022
82	61	G L C	9¼% 80-82	77	-1	12.498	13.873
89½	79½	G L C	6½% 1977	88½	-¼	8.173	12.987
80	71	G L C	9½% 80-82	78½	-1½	12.350	12.930
81¼	75¼	C of L	6% 75-78	83	-1	7.324	12.922
72¼	67½	C of L	6½% 80-82	71	-1	9.349	13.153
77¼	56¼	Ag Mt	7% 81-84	67½	-1½	11.609	14.242
64¼	48	Ag Mt	7½% 91-93	56	-1½	13.479	14.364
69¼	40½	Ag Mt	6½% 85-90	58¼	-1½	12.735	14.463
73½	57	Belfast	6½% 77-80	71¼	-1	9.039	12.982
81¼	70½	Brighton	6½% 76-79	80½	-1	8.072	12.807
97¼	86	Bristol	7% 74-75	95¼	..	7.162	10.916
87¼	87	Bucks	6% 1975	99¼	..	5.307	10.637
84¼	74	Camden	6½% 77-79	81	..	8.023	12.784
77¼	62	Croydon	6½% 78-81	73	..	8.717	13.014
82	71½	Edin	6½% 77-79	81¼	..	7.899	12.890
72	60½	Glasgow	9¼% 80-82	80	-1½	11.340	13.172
84½	73	G'wich	6½% 76-78	83½	..	8.108	12.885
87	78	Herts	5½% 78-80	77	..	7.628	12.994
94	80½	Liverpl	5½% 76-78	94	..	5.811	10.231
81	73½	Liverpl	7% 76-77	86¼	..	7.938	12.760
27¼	18¼	Met Water B	3%	25	-¼	12.232	14.271
71¼	59¼	N I	6½% 79-80	69¼	..	9.341	13.401
65½	48	N I	7% 82-84	62	-½	11.823	13.624
64½	52¼	N I Elec	6½% 81-83	62	-1½	10.605	15.028
85	73¼	Notts	6½% 76-78	83½	-1	8.074	12.970
78½	67½	Sthend	5½% 77-79	73¼	-1	8.748	12.810
84	64½	Swark	6½% 83-86	60¼	• ..	11.103	13.532
80	65¼	Surrey	6% 78-80	75	-1½	7.959	13.030

Investment Dollar Premium 84½% (85¾%).
Premium Conversion Factor 0.5305.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42	19¼	Bayer	£29	-¼	136	3.5	22.3
13	5¼	Commerzbank	£13	..	30.4	2.3	34.2
29	13¼	Cp Fn Paris	£20¼	-¼	81.4	2.8	14.9
30	28	EBES	£46	..	172	3.7	..
40	22½	Ericsson	£46	..	82.9	1.5	20.6
41	27	Finsider	34	..	..	..	..
28½	13	Granges	£20½	..	116	4.4	9.2
435	200	Hoechst	430	-5	14.3	3.3	25.1
81	45	Montecatini E	73	..	..	..	..
20	11½	NEFO NV	£20	..	86.2	4.3	20.0
537	312	Robeco fl 5	485	-6	22.1	4.6	36.8
357	202	Rolinco Subs fl 5	335	-5	3.2	1.0	58.0
240	130	Snia Viscosa	180	..	4.9	2.7	..
510	210	Thyssen-Huette	480	-5	12.5	2.6	15.0
36	15½	Volkswagen	£32	-1	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
18¼	6½	Brascan	£11¼	-¼	41.9	4.8	5.3
971½	550	BP Canada	817	-8	..	..	..
12¼	6¼	Can Pac Ord	£10¼	-¼	37.2	3.5	10.3
18	8¼	El Paso	£10¼	-¼	41.7	4.9	16.1
57½	33¼	Exxon Corp	£50	-¼	..	..	..
21½	10¼	Fluor	£20	-¼	16.5	0.8	22.6
25	14¼	Hollinger	£18¼	-¼	..	..	..
27¼	11¼	Hud Bay Oil	£16¼	-¼	28.9	1.8	30.9
17¼	8	Husky Oil	£10¼	-¼	..	..	..
795	425	Int Hldgs	735	+5	21.3	2.9	..
22¼	13¼	Int Nickel	£17¼	-¼	68.1	3.9	10.2
11¼	5¼	IU Int	£7¼	..	33.7	4.5	8.1
16¼	8¼	Kaiser Alum	£10¼	-¼	50.7	3.1	..
12¼	7¼	Massey-Ferg	£10¼	-¼	41.3	3.9	6.7
19½	8¼	Pacific Petrol	£11¼	-¼	..	..	..
840	445	Pan Canadian	755	-7	..	..	..
138	51	Steep Rock	80	-2	..	..	..
835	475	Trans Can P	735	-5	..	..	..
42¼	19¼	US Steel	£39¼	-¼	..	..	..
535	330	White Pass	415	..	15.3	3.7	7.0
19¼	10	Zapata Corp	£17½	-¼	21.6	1.4	10.2

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
270	130	Alexs Discount	200	..	16.3	8.2	9.5
400	290	Allen H & Ross	315	..	20.2	6.4	5.9
250	95	Arb-Latham	170	..	10.3	6.2	8.2
416	110	Aust & NZ	233	..	13.6	4.6	8.5
37½	30	Bk Hapoalim	70	..	0.7	2.3	12.4
415	175	Bk of Ireland	415	+5	20.0	4.8	4.7
33	22	Bk Leumi Israel	24	..	1.1	4.6	4.6
315	180	Bk Leumi UK	220	..	10.8	4.9	15.8
740	240	Bk of NSW	550	..	17.4	3.2	12.4
31¼	17¼	Bk of N Scotia	£28¼	-¼	59.4	2.1	20.8
225	103	Bk of Scotland	205	• ..	12.4	6.0	7.1
28¼	18¼	Bnks Trst NY	£24	-¼	124	5.2	8.5
340	110	Barclays Bank	238	-4	12.4	5.2	6.3
138	17	Bates E Hldgs	57	-1	..e	..	5.6
235	85	Brown Shipley	158	-5	10.5b	6.7	7.3
80	14	Burston Grp	18	f ..	5.0	27.6	2.0
215	95	Cater Ryder	225	..	11.0	4.9	..
13	13	Cedar Hldgs	13	f ..	2.0	15.4	6.6
35¼	18¼	Chase Man	£22	-¼	93.1	4.2	10.1
25¼	14¼	Citicorp	£23¼	..	36.3	..	21.9
230	105	Com Bk of Aust	231	-10	7.8	3.6	12.5
215	100	Com Bk of Syd	168	..	7.6	4.5	10.1
23¼	13¼	CC De France	£22¼	..	103	4.5	19.3
41	3½	First Nat Fin	6½	-½	2.9	52.2	0.7
29	6	Fraser Ans	10½	-½	1.1b	8.8	11.3
300	173	Gerrard & Nat	235	..	17.0	6.0	15.2
70	22	Gibbs A.	34	..	2.6	7.6	11.1
160	25	Gillett Bros	145	..	10.0	6.9	3.3
177	55	Guinness Peat	124	-3	10.4b	8.4	6.2
34	6	Hambros £10	£15	..	105b	7.0	..
240	69	Do Ord	202	+2	10.9b	5.4	7.7
112	24	Hill Samuel	77	..	4.2	6.4	7.2
242	84¼	Hong K & Shang	184	-12	4.6	2.4	26.3
315	220	Israel Brit	220	f ..	15.0	6.8	4.5
83	40	Jessel Toynbee	78	..	5.2	6.7	..
230	72	Keyser Ullmann	72	-1	7.2	10.1	3.8
65	28	King & Shaxson	60	..	4.3	7.2	17.9
134	33	Kleinwort Ben	110	-4	4.8	4.3	13.0
247	92	Lloyds Bank	193	-12	10.4	5.7	6.3
113	34	Mercury Secs	112	+1	3.9	3.4	9.3
315	126½	Midland	220	+2	16.1	7.3	4.2
61	12½	Minster Assets	37½	-¼	3.9	10.4	9.3
119	33	Nat & Grind	52	..	4.9	9.5	8.4
279	114	Nat of Aust	230	..	7.6	3.3	12.1
83½	24	Nat Com Bk Grp	37	-1	3.0	8.7	6.5
310	90	Nat W'minster	205	-6	12.0	5.9	6.2
39½	18½	Ottoman	£26	..	140	5.4	15.7
135	60	Rea Bros	95	..	2.7	2.9	16.2
23¼	15¼	Royal of Can.	£20¼	-¼	47.6	2.3	27.1
445	100	Schroders	285	• +10	13.0	3.4	19.7
310	170	Seccombe Mar	290	..	19.7	6.8	18.3
165	22	Slater Walker	80	-4	7.9	8.7	7.7
110	33	Smith St Aubyn	70	..	3.7	5.3	..
413	150	Stand'd & Chart	372½	-17½	19.3	5.2	6.3
335	150	Union Discount	301	-5	24.0	7.9	6.4
95	41	Wintrust	56	..	4.4	7.8	4.8

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
79½	31	Allied	58	-2	4.5	7.7	9.6
117	41	Bass Charrgtn	86	-3	5.5	6.4	9.8
275	70	Bell A	97	..	7.6	7.8	4.7
75	33	Beddingtons	72	+2	4.0	5.5	10.6
82	25	Brown M.	53	-2	3.9	7.4	9.7
77	22	Burtonwood	45	..	3.4	7.6	5.6
100	40	Cameron J W.	63	..	4.4	7.0	7.5
41	20	C of Ldn Dfd	37	..	2.2b	5.7	18.0
105	40	Devenish	92	..	6.7	7.3	7.3
132	63	Distillers	114	-6	7.6	6.4	10.3
67	25	Greenall	45	-1	3.0	6.6	8.8
170	75	Greene King	120	..	6.1	5.1	10.2
122	57	Guinness	101	..	10.6b	10.5	7.9
68	48	Hardys & H'sons	50	..	7.6	8.9	8.0
132	63	Highland	117	..	7.0	6.0	11.1
34	18	Invergordon	25	-1	2.5	10.1	6.2
95	34	Irish Distillers	61	+1	3.3	5.3	6.3
133	33	Long John Int	95	..	6.6	7.0	6.9
46	17	Marston	27	..	2.1	7.6	7.1
280	95	Morland & Co	225	..	14.2	6.3	13.1
71½	22	Scot & Newcastle	47½	-½	3.6	7.7	10.0
29¼	18	Seagram	£21	-¼	33.5	1.6	21.6
175	51	SA Breweries	102	..	5.2	5.1	10.4
310	95	Teacher	210	..	12.3	5.8	11.5
123	43	Tollemache	100	-3	5.2	5.2	16.1
65	40	Tomatin	63	..	4.3	6.8	6.4
270	102	Vaux	177	..	13.6b	8.4	7.9
79½	31½	Whitbread 'A'	54½	-2	4.1	7.6	9.5
73½	33½	Do B	55	-2½	4.1	7.1	9.4
112	40	Whitbread Inv	92	..	8.2	8.9	17.9
133	54	Wolverhampton	94	..	6.5	6.9	9.2

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	104	..	12.0	11.5	3.4
103	22	AB Electronic	32	• -3	6.1	19.2	2.2
48	36	AC Cars	42	..	1.3	3.1	19.2
54	41	AD Intl	73	-2	7.3	4.4	7.6
66	15	AGB Research	30	-1	3.1	7.0	6.6
200	93	APV Hldgs	198	• -2	13.0	6.9	7.1
80	21	AVP Ind	31½	..	3.2a	6.6	4.9
80	13	Aaronson Bros	30	+1	2.2	5.9	2.8
51	14	Abbey Panels	26	..	4.0	15.3	2.8
109½	40	Acrow	63	..	5.2b	8.3	10.0
74½	22½	Do A	51	..	5.2b	10.2	8.1
25	14	Adams Food	15	..	1.3	8.9	7.6
30	5	Adda Intl	14	-1	..	..	..
170	57	Adwest Group	101	-4	8.8	8.7	5.9
48	5	Aeronca & Gen	13	..	1.5	11.5	6.3
115	65	Airfix Ind	91	..	4.0	4.3	10.8
66	27½	Do NV	47½	..	4.0	8.5	5.5
80	33	Albright & W	70½	-1½	3.3	4.7	5.1
70	55	Alcan 10½%	£72	..	1050	14.6	..
82½	22	Do 9% Cnv	£74	..	900	12.2	..
47	20	Allen E.	43	-1	4.6b	10.7	4.0
43	12	Allen W G	28	..	3.5	12.4	5.5
37½	14½	Alliance Vlders	27½	+2½	1.7	6.3	..
120	51	Allied Colloids	68	+1	3.1	3.3	8.0
26	9	Allied Plant	10	-2	1.1	6.2	4.6
85	30	Allied Polymer	35	..	6.2	8.3	8.4
..	..	Alpine Hldgs	12	..	..e	..	3.4
180	133	Amal Metal	172	+3	18.0	10.5	1.9
70	15	Amal Power	39½	-1	4.1	10.5	3.6
44½	16	Amber Day	30	..	2.2	6.8	4.3
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	7.9	3.6
40	21	Anchor Chem	44	..	5.2	11.8	6.1
128	32	Anderson Strath	110	..	12.1	8.7	7.3
780	380	Anglo Amer Ind	643	-10	35.5	5.5	8.9
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	29	..	4.7	12.1	3.5
136	50½	Anglo-Thai Corp	119	-2	2.0	1.7	5.5
85	13	Anglowest	23	..	2.4	9.7	10.7
51	20	Applyard	33	• -1	5.5	16.6	5.0
40	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	16½	-1	1.5	9.3	5.5
125	29	Arlington Mtr	61	..	8.8b	14.4	2.8
104	29	Armitage Shanks	63	-1	9.2	14.6	6.4
43	13	Armst Equip	40	-1	2.4	6.1	7.0
57	35	Ash Spinning	35	..	6.3	18.4	..
34	33	Asprey 6½% Pf	38	..	3.3	13.4	..
51	18	Ass Biscuit	45	-2	3.3	7.3	8.5
52	16	Do A	43	-2	3.3	7.8	8.1
16	6½	Ass Brit Eng	7	..	..	..	..
51	21½	Ass Brit Food	53	-1	2.2	4.2	9.5
47½	17½	Ass Engineer	44	..	5.0	11.4	7.0
99½	25	Ass Fisheries	38	..	5.3	13.8	4.1
37½	8	Ass Leisure	20	..	3.3	16.8	3.1
166	65	Ass News	175	+3	8.2	4.4	7.5
37	18	Ass Paper	31	+1	3.1	9.3	3.0
130	61	Ass Port Cement	123	• -9	10.4	8.5	11.9
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	30	-1	6.8	17.4	4.5
35	27	Ass Tooling	28	..	2.5a	10.0	3.3
36	12	Astbury & Mdley	16	..	1.2	7.6	4.1
130	58	Atlas Stone	62	..	6.8	11.0	5.6
35	14	Attwood Garage	14	-1	2.2	15.4	4.9
36	18	Audiotronic	20	-1	3.1	18.6	6.4
34½	13	Ault & Wiborg	20	..	3.3	12.7	6.0
43	14½	Aurora Hldgs	14½	-½	1.0	6.5	6.4
36	13	Austin E	39	..	4.1	10.5	2.6
50	33	Automotive Pd	25	-2½	2.1	8.3	3.3
93	41½	Averys	80	..	6.2n	7.7	8.9
121	39	Avon Rubber	67	-1	12.8	19.1	5.0
29	17	BBA Grp	38	..	3.6	9.5	7.3
106	43	BPB Ind	86½	..	8.0	9.3	5.1
28½	2	BSG Int	10¼	..	..e	..	3.9
105	21	BSR Ltd	50	-1	3.2	6.4	4.7
92½	33½	BTR Ltd	79	-1½	5.1	6.5	9.7
73	26	Babcock & W	73	-1	2.7b	3.7	8.7
90	13	Bacal Const	13	f ..	..e	..	2.0
85	17	Baggeridge Brk	30	..	2.7	13.3	5.3
12	4½	Bailey C.H. Ord	7½	..	0.3	3.6	3.9
94	29	Baird W	75	• -1	11.5	15.3	4.9
67	16	Baker Perkins	37	..	4.1	11.5	4.7
58	19	Barbergers	35	..	3.3	9.5	3.0
17	2½	Barker & Dobson	4½	-½	..e	..	4.9
304	132	Barlow Rand	288	+3	12.4	4.3	7.6
75	11	Barr & Wallace	32	-1	4.2	13.1	4.1
71	11	Do A	31	..	4.2	13.5	3.9
75	34	Barratt Devs	91	-5	9.5b	9.7	4.5
56	16	Barrow Hepbn	40	..	4.0	9.9	4.6
54½	19	Barton & Sons	35	• +1	3.7	10.6	5.5
39	13	Bassett G	49	-6	5.7	11.7	5.8
32½	17½	Bath & P'land	29½	-½	3.1	10.5	5.5
135	57	Baxter Fell	83	..	7.3a	8.3	3.1
51	31	Beales J	22	..	4.2	13.4	4.0
95	30	Beatson Clark	54	• ..	5.8	10.7	8.4
25	11	Beaufort Grp	22	..	3.5	15.9	4.2
250	15	Beaverbrook	20	..	0.5e	8.8	..
76	15	Do A	20	..	0.5e	1.9	..
34	27½	Beckman A.	30	..	6.7	16.9	4.8
271	110	Beecham Grp	230	-5	7.1	3.1	19.8
109	42	Bejam Grp	85	-3	4.9	5.7	15.9
43	18	Bemrose Corp	30	..	3.2	10.7	3.6
34	16	Benn Bros	16½	+½	2.4	14.6	4.5
113	55	Bensons Int	101	..	5.6	5.6	6.6
145	35	Berisf'ds S. & W.	126	..	8.3	6.6	6.0
41	18	Berisfords	30	..	2.8	9.2	4.0
41	17	Berwick Timpo	22	..	2.1	9.5	5.5
122	69½	Besobell	120	+5	10.5	9.6	5.2
35	13	Bibby J	30	• -2	7.4	10.2	6.7
48	19	Billam J	36	..	4.3	12.1	7.3
72	16	Birmid Qualcst	43	..	5.1	11.8	7.9
42	16	Birm'cham Mint	31	..	..e	..	..
42½	12	Birm Pdct 'A'	28	..	3.4	12.1	..
114	90	Bishops Stores	112	..	2.6	2.3	12.6
80	22	Do A NV	60	..	2.6	4.3	8.7
165	55	Black & Edg'tn	107	+2	12.2	11.4	..
42	8	Blackman & C	12½	..	2.1	17.3	2.6
97½	30	Blackwd Hodge	82	+1	4.8	5.0	7.0
31	7	Blackwood Ml	14	+1	..e	..	3.9
109	58	Blagden & N	100	..	7.1	7.1	4.0
56	25	Bluemel Bros	25	..	3.7	14.9	4.0
38	22	Blundell Perm	40	..	3.3	8.3	6.4
18	5½	Boardman K. O.	8	..	1.2	15.3	3.1
15	2	Bodycote	16	..	2.8	17.7	..
51	16	Bolton Textile	19½	-½	1.9	17.0	3.5
55	14	Bonas Webb	30	..	..	..	..
130	15	Booker McCon	121	-6	8.1	6.7	8.6
143	30	Boot Hy & Hwkes	61	..	5.3b	8.7	6.0
133	29	Boot H.	50	..	9.7	19.0	6.2
270	50	Boots	106	-6	6.1	5.8	11.1
17	7	Boulton W.	12½	-½	1.4	11.4	6.5
166	51	Bowater Corp	115	-3	10.5	9.2	6.4
45	18	Bowthorpe Hldgs	26	-1	1.5	5.7	7.2
44½	15	Braby Leslie	33	-3	4.4b	12.8	2.8
45	10	Brads G.	20	-1	3.2	16.0	4.0
40	8	Do A	18	-1	3.4	19.2	3.6
79	12	Braid Grp	19	..	1.6	13.1	4.4
125	18	Braithwaite	70	..	8.8	12.6	5.9
54	35	Braswey	55	..	3.0	5.4	2.9
60	22	Bremner	33	..	4.5	13.7	5.5
73	32	Brent Chem Int	82	-3	1.5	2.4	14.9
28	12	Brickhouse Dud	23	..	2.5	11.2	6.3
130	38	Bridon	117	• -2	8.2b	7.0	11.3
57	20	Brierley	44	f ..	3.2	7.2	10.3
38	15½	Bright J. Grp	19	..	3.0	15.7	5.1
13	8	Bristol Plant	8½	..	0.9	11.0	3.5
326	150	Brit Am Tob	283	-12	15.6b	5.5	9.3
58	25	Brit Car Auctn	45	..	3.3	7.4	9.3
33	18	Brit Enkalon	19½	+½	3.0	15.9	3.0
282	135	Brit Home Strs	282	..	10.5	3.7	17.1
80	28	Brit Ind Hldgs	30	..	2.1	12.9	4.0
137	68	BICC	112	-3	9.9	8.8	6.3
8	2½	BLMC	7½	..	..	..	..
63	14	Brit Mohair	24	• +½	3.4	14.1	7.1
48½	10½	Brit Oxygen	40	-1	3.3	8.3	6.3
45	15½	Brit Printing	41½	• +1	4.8	11.4	4.2
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	25½	..	3.4b	13.4	8.8
79	38	Brit Sim Spec	62	+1	6.6	10.6	7.8
455	155	Brit Sugar	295	..	11.8	4.0	4.4
29	13	Brit Tar Prod	24	..	2.0b	8.3	4.1
68	35	Brit Vita	44	..	5.1	11.7	3.0
40	19	Brittains	34½	• ..	4.5	13.0	3.4
180	52	Brockhouse J.	153	-2	16.5	10.8	5.5
71½	15	Brocks Grp	40	..	3.8	9.5	4.5
805	324	Broken Hill	545	• -20	11.2	2.1	20.4
63	18	Brook St Bur	25	..	3.5	14.2	5.7
51	6	Brooke Bond	37½	• -1½	3.3	9.9	..
33	10	Brooke Tool	11	..	..	..	..
91	32	Brotherhood P.	57	..	8.5a	15.4	6.4
90	26	Brown & Tawse	50	..	2.8	5.7	4.2
27	13	BRK	13½	..	..	..	..
31	4	Brown Bros Cp	9½	..	0.8	8.9	6.3
131	41	Brown J.	99	-1	14.2	14.3	2.6
31	13	Brown N. Inv	27	..	3.1	11.8	3.7
58	28	Brunton Hldgs	58	..	2.1	4.0	8.0
100	43	Bruntons	80	• ..	8.0	10.0	7.8
35	10	Bryant Hldgs	20	-1	2.6	12.9	5.0
11	1½	Bulloughs Bros	1¾	f ..	0.05	3.4	2.0
51	38	Bulmer & Lumb	49	..	6.4	13.0	4.4
48	10	Bulmer & Lumb	18	-3	3.5	19.9	4.4
80	47	Bunzl Pulp	85	-1	5.2	6.2	6.0
53	19	Burco Dean	54	..	4.2	7.8	7.0
70	14	Burgess Prod	32	• -2	4.9	15.4	5.6
48	24	Burnett H'shire	42	..	3.8	9.1	4.5
47	21	Do A NV	40	..	3.8	9.6	4.3
35	8	Burns And'son	13	• ..	1.1	8.7	4.3
15½	5¼	Burrell & Co	10¼	-¼	0.8a	8.2	6.6
300	133	Burt Boulton	160	..	13.9	8.7	3.0
128	30	Burton Grp	64	-1	6.6	10.3	3.3
113	28	Do A	61	-1	6.6	10.8	20.8
48	24	Bury & Masco	34	• +1	5.8	16.9	5.1
17	4	Business Com	4	f ..	0.7b	17.5	0.9
34½	9	Butterfld-Harvy	22	+1	2.7	12.0	33.8

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	21	CCH Inv	31	-1	..e	..	4.1
39½	10	CGSB Hldgs	12	-1½	1.5	12.5	3.0
39	29	Cadbury Sch	41	..	3.4	8.3	8.2
114	33	Caffyns	53	..	6.7	12.6	6.2
32	45	C'bread Robey	52	..	1.6	3.1	16.3
86	5	Campari	29	+1	2.7b	9.5	9.9
62	15	Camrex Hldgs	38	..	4.1	10.5	8.3
96	34	Cape Ind	74	• ..	8.4	11.4	4.6
69½	23	Caplan Profile	43	..	6.0	14.0	4.5
64½	15	Capper Neill	39	..	3.6	9.2	9.3
51	6	Caravans Int	11	..	..	..	6.8
40	13½	Carclo Eng	30	+1	3.2	10.7	7.1
41	17	Carless Capel	45	..	1.1	2.4	7.5
80	26	Carlton Ind	44	..	5.9	13.3	3.5
90	32	Carpets Int	65	-1	7.5	11.7	3.1
33½	15	Carr J. (Don)	27	..	2.7	7.7	4.7
29½	9	Carr'ton Vly	20	-½	2.6	12.9	6.3
68	32	Casket S Hldgs	36	..	2.7	7.5	3.5
50	25	Catalin	36	-1	3.4	9.5	3.6
43	8½	Causton Sir J.	13½	..	2.5	18.4	7.8
149	40	Cavenham	93	-3	5.5	5.9	..
195	45	Cawoods	128	..	8.1	6.3	9.1
15	7½	Celestion	9	-½	0.5	5.6	4.5
70	29	Cement Rdstone	66	• ..	4.9	7.2	6.1
52½	18½	Central Man	54½	-1	3.0	5.6	5.2
44	21½	Central Wagon	35	-1	3.1	8.7	5.0
22	10	Centre Hotels	27	..	..	..	..
57	12	Centrewas Secs	17	-1	1.7	6.4	5.6
38	15	Century Secs	18	..	2.8	16.3	2.8
53	22	Ch'mon & Hill	35	..	3.0	16.7	2.9
50	5	Chamberl'n Grp	7½	-½	2.8	8.0	7.0
34	18½	Champ Plisops	29	..	2.3	11.9	6.6
68	20	Change Wares	36	..	2.4	8.3	7.3
50	10	Charles D	38	..	4.7	13.8	4.7
57	12	Char'ton G'dner	27	..	1.9	5.0	5.9
99	35	Chloride Grp	84	-5	2.5	13.9	8.3
36	21½	Christies Int	41½	..	5.0b	6.0	8.9
49	23	Chubb & Sons	61	-1	3.7b	8.8	7.8
160	60	Church & Co	75	..	4.5	6.1	9.0
177	50	Do A	88	..	8.0	8.7	4.0
19½	4½	Clro Hldgs	7	..	8.0	9.1	3.8
35	20	Clark & Fenn	40	..	..e	..	11.3
70½	21	Clarke Chapman	60	-2	3.1	7.8	5.2
35	16	Clarke Clem	40	..	5.6	8.1	2.2
64	26	Clayton Dewan	64	• -2	2.8	7.0	9.0
130	60	Clutch A	80	..	7.6	11.9	6.4
31	7½	Coalite & Chem	17	..	3.4	4.7	7.1
51	22	Coates Bros	47	..	0.9	5.4	14.5
40	21	Do A	43	..	3.7	8.6	5.1
38½	26	Coats Patons	45½	+1	3.3	8.6	5.6
31	25	Cohen 600	38½	-1	3.3	8.6	5.0
50	35	Cole R. H.	35	..	4.1	7.5	7.9
63	19	Collett D'son	35	..	4.3	12.3	4.6
40	6½	Collier S.	6½	f ..	0.4	5.9	4.5
168	45	Collins W.	75	• ..	4.2	5.6	6.8
166	45	Do A	76	• ..	5.2	6.8	5.8
62	21	Coltness Grp	11½	..	2.0	17.0	3.3
40	10	Combon Grp	14	..	4.2	19.9	4.8
13½	26	Comb Eng Strs	61	• -1	3.7	6.0	7.0
40	12	Comet Radios'n	33	+1	4.0	12.9	6.1
51	21	CompAir	56	-1½	4.1	7.3	7.3
52	23	Compton Plant	30	..	4.1	13.7	2.9
32	8½	Compton Webb	14½	+1	2.0	18.5	5.9
21	14	Concentric	19½	..	2.4	12.3	9.2
46	19	Concrete Ltd	51	-1	4.0a	7.8	13.2
101	11	Cons Com	21	..	2.6	8.5	2.2
195	130	Cons Tin	179	..	17.5	9.8	2.2
15½	5½	Cooper Inds	11	..	1.1	9.6	3.4
20	25½	Cope Allman	36½	..	4.0	11.0	3.4
38½	17½	Corah N.	21½	..	2.6	11.9	7.6
131	39	Coral J Hldgs	79	-2	8.1	10.2	6.2
40	17½	Cornercroft	25	..	4.0	16.0	3.1
18	12	Cory H.	13½	-½	0.9	6.7	10.8
68	29	Cosalt	44	-1	3.5	7.9	5.1
187	60	Costain R	171	-5	5.9	3.5	9.1
51	11	Countryside	22	..	6.5	29.5	5.9
71	28	Courts (Furn)	70	-1	3.9	5.5	6.0
72	26	Do A NV	70	-1	3.9	5.5	8.1
20	10	Court Hlts Ldn	19	..	1.9	10.1	2.4
171	51	Courtaulds	106	-4	7.0	7.4	3.4
76	25	Courtney Pope	44	• ..	4.9b	11.2	5.6
76	24	C'wan de Groot	45	..	4.1	9.5	4.4
73	26	Do A	44	..	4.1	9.4	4.3
53	11	Cowie T.	16	..	1.9	12.1	8.9
45	17	Cox H.	29	-1	2.8	9.5	2.3
40	12½	Cox Ind	13	f ..	..e	..	2.4
21	9	Crane Fruehauf	16	..	1.2	7.8	3.3
40	20	Crellon Hldgs	33	..	3.8	11.5	6.3
34	12	Crest Nicholson	30	..	4.0	13.2	12.0
82	36	Croda Int	101	-1	2.2b	2.5	7.3
103	13	Cronite Grp	29	..	3.4	12.5	8.9
35	20	Cropper J.	29	..	2.9b	10.0	3.2
17	8	Crossland R	16	..	1.4	8.8	8.9
64	31	Crosler Bldgs	54	..	5.3	9.7	5.7
77	15	Crouch D.	30	..	4.5	15.0	7.4
52	12	Crouch Grp	32	..	3.7	11.5	5.6
63	20	Crowther J.	38	-2	0.7e	1.8	6.4

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
40	17	Culter Guard	29	-1	4.0	13.8	5.6
74	26	Cum'ns En Cv	£46	-3	375	8.3	..
17	3½	Curzon Ind	3½	h ..	0.8	14.3	6.3
58	17	Cussons Grp	55	h ..	2.3	3.9	12.2
58	17	Do A	49	h +1½	2.3	4.6	10.3
55	17	Cuthbert R & G	33	..	2.4	7.2	9.2
19¼	11¼	Cutler Hmmer	£17½	-¼	67.6	3.9	9.5
91	44	Dale Electric	81	..	6.2	7.6	10.4
120	60	Danish Bacon 'A'	98	..	8.6	8.8	4.2
36	24	Danks Gowerton	28	..	2.7	9.8	3.1
13½	5	Dartmouth Inv	7	..	1.0	13.6	4.5
75	29	Davies & New	65	..	9.2	14.1	5.9
55	14	Davis G.	27	..	4.1	15.0	4.4
97	46	Davy Int	90	-1	8.2	9.1	7.1
45	11	Dawson & Barfos	22	-2	2.0	9.2	..
67	12	Dawson Int	23	+1	..	..	..
58	20	Dawson J.	52	+1	6.7	13.0	6.3
580	310	De Beers Ind	570	..	35.3	6.2	13.3
39	22	Debenhams	68	-3	6.0	8.8	12.3
175	85	De La Rue	137	..	14.7	11.0	5.8
206	94	Decca	176	..	12.1	6.9	4.3
204	90	Do A	174	..	12.1	7.0	4.5
45	18	Delson	15	..	2.3	15.0	2.4
74	31½	Delta Metal	65	-1½	5.6	8.6	6.3
115	38	Denbyware	75	..	7.0	9.3	8.7
132	50	De Vere Hotels	88	..	3.0	3.6	12.6
145	58	Dew G	94	..	6.3	6.7	4.9
105	45½	DRG	98	..	7.8	8.0	8.6
26	3½	Dimpler Ind	7	+½	..e	..	2.8
58	12	Dixons Photo	31	-1	1.4	4.4	3.7
46	12	Do A	30	-1	1.4	4.8	3.6
60	30	Dixor	30	..	0.7	2.4	20.3
42½	13½	Dobson Park	24½	-½	2.4	10.0	5.7
51	20	Dolan Pack	41	+2	2.7	6.5	4.1
48	29	Dom Hldgs	45	..	5.0	11.0	8.8
58	18	Doncaster D.	48	-1½	3.9	8.1	6.6
100	66	Dorman Smith	93	..	7.2	7.7	10.0
95½	60	Do A	93	+3	7.2	7.7	10.0
73	18	Douglas R. M.	50	+1	4.6	9.1	4.2
32	8	Dover Eng	10	+1	..e	..	..
38	12	Dow'd & Mills	38	ab +4	1.6	4.2	11.0
112	55	Downing G. H.	107	..	12.8	12.0	5.3
104	41	Dowty Grp	91	-2	7.4	8.2	7.2
20½	6	Drake Cubitt	18	..	..	..	..
40	11½	Dreamland Elec	21	..	2.7	12.8	4.0
30	10½	Dufay	30	..	1.3a	4.4	13.6
370	165	Duncan W.	215	-10	26.5	12.3	5.6
71	28	Dunford & Ell	55	-2	5.7	10.4	4.7
58	17	Dunlop Hldgs	47	..	5.0	10.6	5.4
17	3	Duple Int	4	..	..	..	3.4
59½	27½	Duport	51½	+½	4.8	9.3	4.3
39	10½	Dutton For	22	..	3.6	16.5	4.3
39	17	Dykes J. Hldgs	28	..	4.6	16.5	2.3
75	15	FRF Hldgs	33	..	5.4	16.2	3.3
74	22	E Lancs Paper	30	+1	4.4	14.6	2.6
69	30	E Mid A Press	46	..	3.1	6.7	5.8
79	13	Eastern Prod	39	-6	..e	..	3.4
84	22	Eastwood J. B.	46	+1	..e	..	3.6
70	18	Do B Dfd	38	+3	..	..	..
89	30	Edbro	58	..	6.7	11.6	5.3
67	28	Ega Hldgs	43	..	4.3	10.0	3.1
29½	3½	Eldridge St'ld	3½	f ..	0.6	15.7	1.1
42	11½	Elsco Hldgs	22	• ..	2.1	9.5	6.5
24½	12	Elec & Ind Secs	20	..	2.1	10.3	7.2
172	62	EMI Ltd	103	-5	9.3b	9.0	6.2
113	42	Electrocomps	89	..	3.3	6.0	6.9
74	18	Electr'nic Rent	41	..	2.0b	4.8	8.2
47	15	Elliott B	39½	..	5.3	13.4	7.3
52½	18	Elliott Grp	34	+1	1.9	5.7	3.5
152	65	Ellis & Everard	74	..	5.2	7.0	11.3
32	10	Ellis & Gold	15½	..	2.0	12.6	3.0
112	42	Empire Stores	80	-6	4.3	5.3	6.9
19¼	7½	Energy Serv	2½	-¼	..e	..	3.6
14	7½	England J. E.	11	..	1.6	14.7	5.6
47	22	English Card Cl	31	..	3.2	10.2	3.3
104	32	Eng China Clay	59	-2	3.1	5.3	8.3
87	20	Erith & Co	60	• ..	6.2	10.3	6.3
95	25	Esperanza	54	+4	5.7	10.6	..
170	35	Euriplus Pulp	35	-4	6.9	21.8	2.2
88	25	Euro Ferries	50	-2½	2.6b	5.1	3.8
50	27	Eva Industries	43	..	4.2	9.7	5.1
116	40	Ever-Ready Hg	80	-5	4.4	5.5	7.7
75	25	Evode Hldgs	44	+2	2.6	5.9	5.3
31	8½	Ewer G.	18½	-½	1.5b	8.1	7.2
116	32	Exch Telegraph	70	..	6.0a	8.6	9.5
49	27	Expand Metal	43	..	3.8	8.9	5.5

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
52	12	F C Cons	39	..	3.7	9.5	7.5
37	15	FMC	21	-1	2.6	10.0	4.1
30	7½	FTA Cons	21	+1	2.9	14.0	4.2
160	40	Fairclough L.	160	+2	8.7	5.5	5.9
28	10	Fairfax Jersey	11½	..	..e	..	23.5
68	18	Fairview Est	54	-1	7.0	13.0	3.8
105	22	Farnell Elect	63	..	4.5	7.2	5.1
25	13	Feb Int	15	..	1.8	12.0	5.1
23	7½	Do A	13	..	1.8	13.8	4.5
66	32	Fed Chem Hldgs	54	..	3.9	7.3	18.4
29	6	Fed Lnd & Build	20	..	1.3	6.7	10.8
49	17	Feedex Ltd	27	..	1.8	6.6	6.9
108	41	Fenner J. H.	97	..	7.0	7.2	5.8
71	36	Ferguson Hldgs	47	..	6.3	13.3	3.6
56	30	Ferro Metal	50	h ..	5.5	11.0	2.2
27	9½	Fine Art Dev	10½	..	1.6	8.4	5.9
143	51	Finlay J.	135	+5	5.6b	4.3	8.1
31	14	Finlay Pack	18	..	6.5	36.3	6.9
21	9	First Finsbury	15	..	2.9	19.1	3.1
63	32	Firth G.M.	50	-1	7.4	14.9	3.1
355	145	Fisons	320	• +2	14.7	4.6	10.6
73	34	Fitch Lovell	52	-1	4.2	8.1	8.1
35	10½	Fodens	14	f ..	4.7	33.5	3.1
74	22	Fogarty F.	44	..	4.7	10.8	3.3
17	6½	Folkes Hefo NV	14	..	1.3	9.6	4.8
132	94	Ford Mtr BDR	123	-2	6.8a	5.5	15.2
52	21	Forminster	42	-2	5.3	12.7	3.8
790	340	Fortnm & Mason	415	..	26.3	6.3	6.6
127	52	Fosseco Min	126	-1	5.2	4.1	13.3
56	21	Foster Bros	40	+3	3.3	8.1	5.1
45	11½	Foster J.	25	..	4.6	18.2	3.3
68	22	Fothergill & H	26	-2	6.8	10.1	9.1
45	8	Francis Ind	25	..	3.3	13.1	4.3
36	9	Francis Parker	12	..	1.2	9.9	5.8
242	74	Freemans Ldn	157	-16	8.4	4.1	9.8
87	25	French T	47½	..	3.0b	6.3	3.6
40	8	French Kier	25	..	..e	..	4.0
27	5	Do A	19½	+½	..e	..	3.0
75½	33	Friedland Doggt	58	• ..	3.5	6.1	6.3
145	58	GHP Grp	99½	..	9.3	10.0	5.3
24	11½	GRA Prop Tst	15	..	1.1	6.8	12.4
112	47	Gallenkamp	85	v ..	6.0	7.0	8.1
36	11	Galliford Brindley	22	-1	2.4	11.1	4.5
46	21	GEI Int	39	-1	4.4	11.3	6.2
136	46	GEC	113	-5	4.7	4.1	8.6
173	102	Gen Mtr BDR	141	-4	5.1	3.6	20.9
30	15½	Gibbons Dudley	35	-1	4.3	12.2	5.1
83	45	Gibbons S. Int	75	+3	3.6	4.8	6.5
73	42	Gill & Duffus	60	+1	5.3	8.9	7.0
60	13½	Glltspur Ltd	36	..	3.4	9.2	7.5
34	22	Glass & Metal	42	..	3.5	8.4	5.9
41	13	Glass Glover	28	..	1.9	6.8	6.9
420	184	Glaxo Hldgs	410	-8	11.0	2.7	12.9
31	13	Gleeson M J.	34	..	3.1	9.1	6.4
50	26	Glossop W. & J.	52	-2	4.2	13.2	4.1
103	32	Glynwed	83	+1	9.4	11.4	5.3
50	24	Goldbg & Sons	48	+1	5.6	11.6	5.5
38	22	Gomme Hldgs	30	-1	6.9	9.8	6.2
16	32	Gordon & Gotch	52	..	3.1	6.0	14.1
108	22	Gordon L. Grp	62	..	4.2	11.8	5.1
41	22	Graham Wood	27	..	2.2	8.3	6.6
38	22	Grampian Hldgs	44	-1	4.4	9.8	5.4
57	21	Granada 'A'	44	-1	3.3	7.5	5.8
81	32	Grand Met Ltd	56	-2	4.8	8.9	9.0
146	40	Grattan W'hse	75	-5	6.1	8.5	6.7
224	96	Gt Univ Stores	172	-2	8.8	5.1	10.2
210	83	Do A	162	-6	8.8	5.4	9.6
38	5	Greaves Org	17½	-1½	..e	..	4.2
32	11	Gre Millets	23	..	1.4	6.4	8.1
25	7	Greening N	16½	..	2.1	12.7	8.1
58	30	Greens Econ	56	c ..	3.0	5.3	6.0
36	19	Gripperrods	49	-1	4.6	9.3	4.3
225	94	GKN	210	-15	15.8	7.5	7.0
50	19	HAT Grp	38	-1	2.7	5.5	7.2
104	29	Haden Carrier	65	-1	9.9	15.2	8.0
150	92	Haggas J.	197	-1	3.9	2.0	6.1
225	69	Hall Eng	137	+3	8.1	5.9	4.5
71	24	Hall M.	103	-2	7.3	7.0	11.9
88	18	Hall-Thermot k	51	..	4.0	7.4	5.6
110	19	Halma Ltd	19	-1	1.6	10.6	5.5
174	65	Hanimex Corp	105	• ..	5.7	5.4	5.0
133	53	Hanson Trust	125	-2	8.3b	6.6	7.3
41	15	Hardy Furn	31	+1	4.2b	13.6	5.7
38	14	Do A	30	-1	4.2b	14.0	5.5
43	15	Hargreaves Grp	27	-1	3.0	11.3	4.9
29	7	Harland & Wolf	8	-½	..	..	..
35	9½	Harmo Ind	16	-½	2.1	12.9	4.7
52	15	Harris Sheldon	30	• ..	3.4	11.3	5.6
110	40	Harris M. P.	51	• ..	2.2	4.4	5.4
13¼	3¼	Harrison Cros	£6½	-½	32.9	4.0	7.7
50	13	Hartle Mach	23½	+1	3.2	13.7	3.3
58	18	Hartwells Grp	25	..	5.0	19.8	2.9
306	132	Hawker Sidd	276	-8	17.3	6.3	5.9
13	5	Hawley-Good	5	..	0.2	3.0	8.3
110	24	Hawthorn L.	67	..	4.2	6.2	..
208	54	Hays Wharf	90	-1	6.2	6.9	6.0
39½	6	Head Wri'tson	19	-1	..e	..	3.1
33	5½	Heenan Spark	12½	+½	2.1b	16.7	4.5
15	7½	Helene of Ldn	12	..	0.7	5.8	4.7
38½	19	Helical Bar	28	..	2.8	10.0	2.4
38	11	Hend'son Kent	23	..	2.5	11.0	4.3
124	26	Henly's	53	-1	8.0	15.1	5.8
32½	9	Hepworth Cer	28½	-½	2.7	9.5	7.6
27	4	Herbert A	5	..	..	..	..
13½	7	Herman Smith	4	-½	0.6	5.0	7.0
82	12	Hestair	49	-2	3.0	6.1	5.1
69	21	Hewden-Stuart	36	..	2.0	5.2	5.1
16	6	Hewitt J	10	..	1.2	10.7	..
95	30	Heywood W'ms	30	..	2.6	8.5	2.4
65	30	Hicking P'cost	39	-1	7.6	19.5	3.6
250	101	Hickson Welch	184	-2	11.8	6.4	6.0
18½	8½	Hield Bros	13½	..	1.0	7.6	6.0
55	17	Higgs & Hill	42	-2	3.9	9.3	3.5
50	21	Hinton A.	37	-2	3.2	8.6	3.4
120	35	Hoffnung S.	81	..	4.9	6.0	8.6
57	13	Hollas Grp	26	-1	5.3	20.2	2.6
87	19	Hollis Bros	43	-2	4.6	10.4	3.5
31	12	Holt Products	32	..	2.5	7.9	11.4
52	24	Home Charm	40	..	4.1	6.9	14.8
320	119	Hoover	230	..	16.9	6.8	66.2
325	117	Do A	230	..	16.9	6.8	66.2
27	9	Horizon Mid	17½	..	3.7	20.9	3.2
110½	34	Hse of Fraser	75	-2½	5.4	7.2	8.2
45	16	Hoverlngham	30	-1	2.4e	8.0	38.4
38	6	Do RV	19	-1	2.4e	12.6	6.6
28	11	Howard & Wy'nd	15	..	..e	..	5.5
21	8	Do A	14	..	..e	..	5.1
59½	26	Howard Mach	53	..	3.0	5.7	4.4
29	11½	Howard Tenens	13	-½	2.4	18.2	3.1
85	31	Howden Grp	63½	..	2.5	4.9	3.1
12¼	6¼	Hudsons Bay	£7¼	-¼	24.8	2.1	21.2
19	4	Humphries Hldgs	9	..	..e	..	..
39½	12½	Hunt Moscrop	25	..	0.8	5.2	9.8
65	25	Hunting Assoc	44	..	2.9	6.7	2.8
61	23	Huntleigh Grp	58	..	2.6	4.5	5.0
96	17½	Hutchison Int	31	-4	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
153	40	IDC Grp	64	-1	10.6	16.5	3.4
78	25	Ibstock Johns'n	61	• ..	5.4	9.0	5.1
40	12	Illing Morris	22	..	2.2	10.1	3.1
31	10½	Do A	19½	..	2.2	11.4	2.7
240	116	Imp Chem Ind	226	-8	16.5	7.3	4.2
185	55	Imp Cold Store	121	..	6.3	5.0	6.3
79½	32½	Imperial Grp	57½	-2½	6.4	10.8	11.1
44	16	Imp Metal Ind	38½	..	3.4	8.7	8.0
67	19	Ingleton & L	34	-1	4.2	12.3	4.9
60	15	Ingall Ind	36	..	4.1b	11.3	4.5
56	15	Ingram H	33	..	3.6	10.6	3.2
43	20	Initial Services	34½	-½	4.7	13.7	6.4
17½	6½	Int Combustion	10	-½	1.0	10.0	6.9
71	30	Int Computers	45	..	1.0	2.2	2.7
110	36	Int Timber	60	..	7.4	10.1	2.2
74	20	Intereal Grp	64	-2	6.5	10.2	2.0
102	21	Ireland E.	30	..	3.3	5.9	2.5
13½	6¼	Ital RDR	£11¼	..	9.6	0.8	..
29	4½	JB Hldgs	12	..	1.1	7.5	2.5
22	7	Jacks W	10	..	..	..	..
47	20	Jackson & Stple	29	-1	3.3	11.3	7.1
35	12	Jacksons B'End	35	..	4.0	11.4	1.5
153	45	James M C	108	..	7.8	7.2	5.7
412	130½	Jardine M'son	344	-34	..	..	..
105	57	Jarvis J.	127	..	10.6	8.3	5.6
14	4	Jessups Hldgs	8	..	1.8	16.1	5.3
59	25	Johnson & F B	13	..	4.9	11.3	5.5
64	16	Johnson Grp	34	..	3.3	6.8	10.0
355	122	Johnson Matt	253	..	13.3	7.1	5.0
240	54	Johnston-Richd	171	..	7.5	4.0	3.1
73	30	Jones Stroud	14	..	5.7	13.0	3.0
35	10	Jourdan T.	19	..	3.0	16.7	3.4
47	23	Judge Int	28	-½	2.8	9.9	4.0
84	13	K Shoes	39	..	2.9	7.4	6.2
46	16½	Kalamazoo	29½	..	2.4	9.2	8.8
52	26	Kenning Mtr	35	..	4.7	13.5	4.5
43	13½	Kent M. P	27	-½	2.3	7.5	3.8
53	15	Kimpner Ltd	25	..	4.8	16.4	3.2
100	34	Kitchen Taylor	55	..	1.6	3.0	17.2
150	64	Kleeman Ind	139	-3	5.5	3.9	10.2
166	69	Kwik Save Disc	184	-2	5.2	2.8	21.9
87	17½	LCP Hldgs	44	..	4.2	9.5	5.5
38	14	LRC Int	22	-½	3.3	15.1	3.4
150	64	Ladbroke	176	• -10	5.8	4.3	6.3
45	23	Ladies Pride	27	..	3.7	13.8	4.5
34	12	Lafarge	20	..	3.0	15.0	3.4
198	45	Laing J.	153	..	2.8	1.7	11.6
169	45	Do A	143	..	2.8	1.7	11.6
68½	23	Laird Grp Ltd	53	-2	3.7	7.0	3.9
43	17	Lake & Elliot	28	• -3	4.8	11.0	12.4
48	15	Lambert H'wth	39	..	3.7	9.4	3.8
98	43	Lawson Ind	91	..	4.1	4.5	9.3
267½	22	Lane Fox	33	..	..	..	8.8

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42	6	Lane P. Grp	9	..	..e	..	..
90	46	Lankro	78	..	5.4	6.9	5.7
108	42	Laporte Ind	74	-4	7.5	10.2	7.6
170	65	Latham J.	120	..	10.6	8.9	3.0
67	16½	Laurence Scott	36	..	3.7b	10.4	6.4
34	5	Lawdon	15	..	..	..	..
40	28	Lawtex	33	• ..	3.9	11.7	2.8
103	45	Lead Industries	86	-2	7.1	8.3	5.1
42	16	Le-Bas E.	34	..	2.0	5.9	4.2
20½	8½	Lee A.	15½	..	2.1	13.1	2.9
160	40	Lee Cooper	90	..	7.5b	8.3	3.7
84	36	Leisure C'van	58	-1	6.7	11.6	10.1
130	61	Lep Grp	128	..	3.5	2.8	3.1
38	12	Lesney Ord	18	..	1.2b	6.2	4.2
25	11	Do RV	15	..	1.2b	7.9	3.3
96	13	Letraset	35	+1	1.8	5.3	4.8
35	6½	Lex Services	21½	..	2.3	10.3	6.3
49	21	Lilley F. J. C.	48	+1	2.5	5.2	4.3
29	20	Lincroft Kilg	35	..	3.9	11.3	3.2
69	28	Lindustries	50	..	5.6	11.2	4.0
128	58	Linfood Hldgs	128	..	9.1	7.1	..
48	20	Linread	25	..	4.4	17.7	3.5
95	20	Lion Int	33	-1	6.3b	18.9	4.2
73	23	Lipton L.	41	..	3.5	8.5	6.9
59	21	Lister & Co	30	-2	3.7	7.3	6.9
57	29	Lloyd F. H.	47	-½	5.4	11.6	5.1
9½	6½	Locker T	8	..	0.9	11.9	3.3
9¼	5	Do A	7½	..	0.9	12.5	3.0
70	35	Lockwoods Fds	45	..	4.2	9.3	4.1
36	16	Ldn & M'land	29½	..	2.2	7.6	..
39½	15	Ldn & N'thern	32	-1	4.5	15.0	4.1
51	15	Ldn Brick Co	45	• -3	2.7	6.1	22.5
117½	66	Ldn Prov Post	88	..	11.5	13.4	4.9
43	19	Longton Trans	24	..	3.9	16.4	3.8
137½	42½	Lonrho	115	s -1	5.5	4.7	..
100	28	Lonsdale Univ	56	..	5.3	9.4	4.9
76	22	Lovell Bldgs	43	..	3.0	6.9	4.5
73	73	Lowes J	75	f ..	..	..	..
143	82½	Low & Bonar	139	+5	12.4	8.9	6.2
114	37	Lucas Ind	106	+1	7.6	7.2	7.7
48	30	Lyles S	51	..	9.5	18.5	3.0
255	55	Lyons J. Ord	138	-1	11.7	8.5	7.2
240	50	Do A	140	-1	11.7	8.3	7.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	7	MFI W'house	16	..	..e	..	4.5
101	17	MK Electric	39	-2	..e	..	5.4
90	17	MK Refrig'tion	42	+2	3.3	8.2	4.4
33	10	MTE Ltd	17	..	2.3	13.5	0.0
39	16	MY Dart	32	..	1.9	6.0	5.5
247	68	McCorquodale	142	..	16.9	11.9	6.2
88	13	McInerney Prop	33	..	..b	..	3.4
11	3½	McIntyre	4½	f ..	0.9	19.6	3.4
44	16	Mackay H.	25	-½	4.2	16.8	5.0
80	30	McKechnie Bros	62	..	5.0	8.0	3.6
75	30	McNeill Grp	43	..	3.6	8.3	..
43	17	Macpherson D.	32	..	3.0b	9.4	4.2
30	8½	Madame Tussds	17	+½	1.2	7.3	9.2
175	41	Magnet Joinery	133	+4	3.9	3.0	4.6
55	11	Mallinson W.	28	+3	2.4	8.8	2.1
100	33	Man Agcy Music	57	+3	7.5	13.2	3.9
128	43	Manbre & Gart	113	-3	8.4	7.5	8.7
272	110	Man Ship Canal	195	..	17.7	9.1	6.4
20	3½	Mang Bronze	9½	-½	..	..	4.9
41	22	Mann & Overtn	32	..	4.4	13.6	3.4
54	7	Maple Mac'wds	16	-1	..e	..	5.4
88	24	Marchwiel	80	..	3.9	4.9	5.0
73	19	Marks A.	33	..	5.0	15.2	1.9
226	85	Marks & Spencer	187	-7	9.0	4.8	16.4
91	29½	Marley Ltd	88	-3	4.3	4.9	7.7
21	8	Marling Ind	16½	+½	1.3	7.9	3.2
46	5	Marshall Cav	14½	..	3.0b	20.7	5.5
26	11	Marshall T Los	17	..	1.9	11.0	7.6
19	5	Do A	17	..	1.9	11.0	7.6
74	20	Marshall T Inv	20	..	4.6	11.5	3.2
65	25	Marshalls (Hal)	43	..	5.8	13.5	4.1
73	43	Martin-Black	75	+1	4.0	5.4	12.3
162	50	Martin-News	114	..	5.5	4.8	7.7
57	25	Martin T	49	+1	3.2	6.4	5.9
144	39	Martonair	113	..	4.7	4.2	7.0
53	17	Mather & Platt	37	..	3.7	10.1	5.2
80	22	Matthews Hldgs	48	-1	2.5	7.2	20.3
87½	33	May & Hassel	70	+6	3.2	4.6	2.0
425	100	Maynards	245	-5	22.1	9.0	6.7
36	17	Mears Bros	19	..	2.3a	11.9	8.7
36	10	Medminster	14½	..	2.5	17.2	10.7
18	7	Menmore Mfg	9	..	1.1	12.4	5.4
170	36	Menzies J	86	..	4.8b	4.2	6.4
230	117	Metal Box	222	-5	14.5	6.5	7.3
84	44	Metal Closures	53	-1	4.8	5.8	8.3
39	10	Metal Products	20	..	1.1	5.4	4.4
32½	14	Metalrax	22	..	2.0b	8.8	6.1
63½	6	Metro Town	16	+1	0.8	4.7	1.9
29	12	Mettoy	23	..	2.8	12.0	4.1
67	17	Meyer M. L.	48½	..	3.0b	6.1	2.8
17	7½	Midland Ind	12	..	1.7	8.3	2.8
378	172	Mid York Hldgs	366	h -4	14.6	4.0	7.6
77	34	Mills A. J.	62	+2	3.5	6.7	5.7
144	79	Miln Marsters	135	..	3.9b	6.6	6.6
35	15	Mining Supplies	23½	+½	1.0e	4.4	3.3
60	20	Mitchell Constr	60	f ..	1.5a	12.5	6.8
69	28	Mitchell Cotts	36	• +3	4.7b	10.9	6.5
114	16	Mixconcrete	35	..	3.2	10.1	3.2
41	12	Modern Eng	25	..	3.5	14.0	8.2
61	13	Monk A.	35	-3	5.0	14.8	3.3
39	17	Mono Containers	38	..	3.2	8.2	6.7
29½	22	M'santo 5% Ln	£35	• ..	500	14.3	..
79	29	Do 6¼ Ln	£43	• ..	625	14.5	..
127	94	Do 5¾ Cnv	£104	..	500	4.8	..
43	14	Montfort Knit	30	+2	4.3	21.5	21.3
90½	22	Morgan Cruc	63	+2	6.2	14.0	6.2
82	23	Morgan Edwds	42	+2	3.5	8.3	5.9
128	26	Morgan-Gramp	46	-1	3.2	6.8	4.1
63	23	Morris & Blakey	40	..	5.8b	14.4	6.1
63	23	Do A	40	..	5.8b	14.4	6.1
98	18	Morris R.	32	..	..e	..	7.8
36	22	Moss Bros	35	..	..e	..	10.4
44	19	Moss Eng	30	..	4.7	15.7	4.4
206	95	Mothercare	154	-6	6.7	4.3	16.2
16	4	Mt Charlotte	7½	..	0.8	11.5	..
21	6	Mowlem J.	11	..	..e	..	7.1
98	35	Muirhead	68	-1	5.5	8.1	4.4
27	16	Myson Grp	51	-1	4.2	8.3	7.6
125	36	NFT	38½	-½	4.5	7.5	4.6
60	35	NSS News	28	..	2.8	7.4	4.1
80	22	Nairn & W'son	80	..	2.4	3.0	9.9
142	45	Nat Carbon	84	..	8.5	10.1	3.4
65	16	Needlers	42	-2	..	..	..
38	5	Neepsend	10	-1	..	..	..
39½	15½	Negretti & Zam	34½	-2	4.4	12.7	10.3
81	30	Neill J.	36	..	3.8	10.4	3.2
87	33	Newarthill	49	..	6.0b	12.3	8.6
142	40	Newman Ind	89	..	6.0	6.7	9.1
45	22	Newman Tonks	28	-1	4.5	16.0	6.7
80½	40	Newmans Tubes	33	..	4.1	12.5	3.8
175	35	Newmark L.	46	..	3.0	6.6	4.6
71	20	Norcros	90	+5	7.1	7.9	3.4
53½	53½	Norfolk C Hlds	55	-1	4.5b	8.1	6.0
40	10	Normand Elec	53¼	f ..	1.3	2.3	15.7
64	16	Nthn Foods	39	..	3.3	10.8	5.6
13½	5	Norton W. E.	60	+1	3.5	5.9	11.2
84	18	Norwest Holst	8½	..	0.9	11.1	6.4
71	25	Notts Mfg	28	..	3.5	12.5	4.4
23	10½	Nu-Swift Ind	60	-1	3.6	6.0	7.5
..	..	..	14	..	1.8	12.7	9.4

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
98	42	Ocean Wilsons	79	+1	3.2	4.1	5.3
110	42	Odex Racasan	61	..	5.1	8.4	6.8
74	29	Office & Elect	56	..	4.7	8.3	6.5
91	48	Ofrex Grp	78	..	4.9	6.2	8.3
16½	6½	Ogilvy & M	£15¼	-¼	42.2	2.7	13.9
44	14½	Osborn S.	43	+1	3.8	8.7	2.4
23½	14½	Otis Elevator	£22¼	..	91.3	4.1	10.0
75	23	Owen Owen	42	..	3.0	7.1	4.3
36	11½	Oxley Printing	18	..	3.8	20.8	3.3
191	73	Ozalid	155	+3	7.5	4.9	9.9
53½	19	Parker Knoll 'A'	39½	..	3.8	9.8	3.0
81	26	Parker Timber	58	..	2.9	5.1	1.0
82	14	Parkland Text	24	+1	4.6	19.1	2.3
380	151	Paterson Zoch	330	-30	5.3b	1.6	8.1
67	32	Pauls & Whites	54	+1	4.3	8.0	7.0
122	56	Pearson Long	79	..	6.2	7.8	4.9
157	70	Pearson & Son	107	-2	7.0	6.5	7.4
31	19	Do 4½ Ln	£27	..	400	14.8	..
68	15	Peck J.	16	f ..	..e	..	2.1
132	42	Pegler-Hatt	113	-2	7.9	7.0	6.0
131	59½	Perkin El 4%	£93	-1	..	..	..
29	8½	Permali	16	..	1.2	7.4	6.4
56	25	Perry H. Mtrs	46	..	5.8	12.6	4.7
39	29½	Petrocon Grp	60	+½	3.9	5.6	6.6
74	38	Philips Fin 5¾	£37	..	575	10.1	..
801	475	Philips Lamp	805	+5	31.2	3.9	..
30½	9	Phillips Pats	15	..	1.7	11.2	7.2
103	30	Phoenix Timber	67	..	4.8	7.1	1.6
87	30	Photo-Me Int	86	..	1.7	1.9	7.3
26	9	Photopia Int	22	..	1.9b	8.6	3.5
50	61	P'dilly Theatre	72	..	2.1	2.9	14.5
70	28	Pifco Hldgs	51	• -1	3.2	6.2	5.5
64	28	Do A	51	• -1	3.2	6.2	5.5
310	94	Pilkington Bros	168	-2	12.5	7.3	3.8
72	24	Pittard Grp	39	• ..	4.9	12.5	8.5
125	50	Plastona	82	..	8.8	10.7	6.3
38½	17	Pleasurama	34	-1	2.3	6.8	6.6
100	37	Plessey	71	-2	5.5	7.7	6.1
11¼	4¾	Do $ Ord	£11¼	+¼	..	..	..
28	16	Plysu	30	..	1.6	5.2	6.9
20	4	Polly Peck	7	..	0.8	10.7	2.3
34½	12½	Pontins	22½	-1	2.1	9.3	8.3
7½	3½	Poole & Glad	5½	..	0.1	1.6	14.0
118	64	Pork Farms	110	..	10.6	9.7	7.1
120	50	Portals Hldgs	207	..	7.8	3.7	8.7
44	27	Porter Chad	45	..	6.0	13.3	4.9
112	18	Portsmth News	23	-1	3.5	15.2	2.9
42	33	Powell Duffryn	105	..	9.3	8.9	5.8
41	35	Preedy A.	46	-1	2.6	5.4	8.2
91	9	Press W.	24	..	1.6	6.5	12.2
37	13	Pressac Hldgs	21	• ..	3.1	12.5	2.8
117	33	Prestige Grp	103	..	6.4	6.2	8.3
230	55	Pretoria P Cem	173	-2	11.1b	6.4	4.2
175	42	Pride & Clarke	92	..	12.3a	13.4	5.8
70½	25	Priest B.	41	..	5.2	12.6	4.8
28	25	Pritchard Sers	12	..	1.7	14.1	4.6
57	18	Pullman R & J.	46	-1	6.6b	14.4	3.6
93	28	Pye Hldgs	44	• -1	5.5	12.5	3.0
60	44	Pyke W. J.	46	..	1.3	2.8	7.1
35	11	Pyramid Grp	22	..	2.7	12.4	6.1
17½	7½	Quaker Oats	£10¼	-¼	34.3	3.3	13.4
61	42	Quality Clnrs	32	..	4.3	7.8	9.5
17	5	Queens Moat	9½	-½	0.8	8.3	8.5
36	27	RKT Textiles	40	..	6.4	15.9	3.7
218	91	Racal Elect	212	+7	4.1a	1.9	13.3
15	10	Rainers Eng	13	..	0.7	5.7	5.7
335	80	Rank Org Ord	180	-8	8.3	5.2	3.8
44½	23	Do A	170	-6	8.3	4.9	9.1
44	15	RHM	39	-½	3.8b	9.6	9.1
178	46	RHP	42	+1	4.4	10.4	6.3
91	48	Ransomes Sims	97	..	9.7	10.0	4.9
47	15	Ratners	28	..	4.3	5.6	3.9
22½	12	Raybeck Ltd	37	-1	3.9	10.5	4.4
91½	21	Readicut Int	14½	..	1.5	7.9	5.0
270	105	RMC	58	-1	6.8	11.6	4.8
11½	6	Reckitt & Colmn	280	-1	11.5	4.4	11.7
16	21	Record Ridgway	22	-2	3.7	12.6	5.5
81	19	Redfearn Nat	36	..	5.0	9.0	6.9
56	23	Rediffusion	64	..	4.9	7.7	6.1
115	23	Redland	91	-2	4.1	3.0	6.7
104	23	Reed & Smith	35	..	3.9	10.5	9.0
74	23	Reed A.	53	-1	3.3	6.2	7.1
240	133	Do A NV	53	-1	3.3	6.2	7.3
673	300	Reed Executive	43	..	6.2	14.4	3.5
38	11	Reed Int	205	..	15.5	7.6	5.6
350	83	Reliance Grp	465	-2	16.7	3.6	4.4
130	56	Reliance Knit	10½	..	3.8	12.8	3.8
67½	29½	Renold Ltd	145	..	11.5	7.9	4.9
71½	13	Rentokil Grp	121	+2	9.7	8.0	7.9
37	22	Renwick Grp	51	-½	2.5	4.8	12.7
88	17	Revertex	43	-1	3.5	8.1	6.0
11	19	Rexmore	44	..	6.7	15.2	9.5
50	40	Reyrolle Parsons	31	-½	5.2	17.2	2.2
105	60	Rhod Cement	46	..	3.0	6.2	4.5
16½	8½	Ricardo Eng	60	• ..	7.5	12.5	5.3
73	23	Richards & Wall	78	• ..	7.4	9.5	5.4
47	16	Rich'n-Merrell	47	-½	5.2	11.0	4.9
100	23	Richardsons W.	£11	..	20.9	1.9	16.0
103	70	Rivlin J D & S.	46	-1	5.9b	10.9	5.5
36	20	Robb Caledon	33	..	3.4	10.4	3.5
33	10	R'son Rentals	68	..	5.2b	7.7	8.3
35	5	Rockware Grp	172	..	6.9	4.8	6.6
35	7½	Rolls-R Motors	35	• -1	4.4	3.1	8.8
47	16	Ropner Hldgs	46	..	5.2	11.3	8.5
45½	10½	Do A	19½	+1½	3.3	11.8	5.3
38	17	Rotafiex	15½	..	2.3	14.8	4.8
66	42	Rotaprint	19	..	3.5	18.7	4.2
106	32	Rothmns Int 'B'	18	..	1.1	6.1	4.2
140	30	Rotork Ltd	22	..	4.0	12.3	5.9
55	27	Routledge & K	25	-1½	1.7	6.8	2.8
143	48	Rowntree Mac	32	+2	1.1	2.0	5.5
56	10	Rowton Hotels	51	..	4.7	8.9	7.1
77	23	Royal Sov Grp	91	-2	5.9	6.0	3.9
46	16	Royal Worcs	49	..	6.7	13.6	5.5
98	33	Royco Grp	40	..	1.2	7.9	5.8
29	6	Ruberoid	112	• -2	5.6	5.0	4.5
98	35	Rugby Cement	22½	..	3.0	12.7	8.2
29½	11½	Ryan-Traders	20	• ..	2.8	14.0	9.0
50	13	S & U Stores	66	-1	4.0a	6.0	8.3
175	34	SGB Grp	40	..	3.4a	8.4	13.3
30	12½	SKF 'B'	42	-1	11.4	27.1	2.8
184	40	Sabah Timber	11	..	1.3	11.5	6.7
184	70	Sainsbury J.	94	-3	6.0	6.4	5.8
174	68	St Gobain	£24¼	..	101	6.8	4.4
270	59	Sale Tilney	26	-1	1.7	6.7	2.5
..	..	Samuel H.	163	-6	6.1	3.8	20.9
..	..	Do A	£24¼	..	63.7	2.6	11.5
..	..	Sandeman G.	68	-2	6.0	8.9	6.2

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
46	22	Sanderson Kay	41	-1	5.1	12.4	6.8
118	15	Sangers	44	-3	7.2	16.2	4.0
70	10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	21	• ..	0.8	3.6	..
64	31	Scapa Grp	61	-½	5.5	9.1	5.0
268	113	Scholes G. H.	150	..	19.5	13.0	8.5
44	14	Scoteros	32	-1	3.4	10.6	7.6
54	11	Scotia Inv	21	h -1	..e	..	3.5
31	9	Scottish TV 'A'	12	..	..	..	6.9
37	12	Scott J	12	..	..	..	1.8
153	45	Scot Univ Inv	93	-1	6.6	7.0	11.4
30	6	Scragg E.	8½	-1	..	..	2.8
78	14½	Sealed Motor	27	..	..e	..	3.2
45½	19½	Sears Hldgs	37	-2	2.8	7.1	7.5
154	47	Securicor Grp	88	-5	2.1	2.7	12.4
152	48	Do NV	85	-5	2.1	2.5	12.0
158	49	Security Serv	93	..	3.1	3.7	11.7
158	50	Do A	90	..	3.1	3.8	11.3
13	4½	Selincourt	9½	..	1.9	13.2	6.6
77	17	Sena Sugar	20	..	5.1	25.3	4.1
17	7½	Senior Eng	14½	+1	1.3	9.0	6.7
31	12	Serck	26½	-½	2.8	10.7	7.7
36	11	Shaw Carpets	19½	..	2.8	17.0	3.0
28	7½	Shaw F	12	..	..e	..	7.8
44	17	Sheffield Twist	44	..	4.2	9.8	8.8
39½	16	Shellabear Price	22	..	3.1	14.2	3.2
21	8½	Sherman S.	9½	+1	..	..	..
71	27	Sidlaw Ind	57	-1	7.3	12.8	3.1
150	56	Siebe Gorman	121	..	3.2	2.6	7.4
58	12	Siemssen Hunt	30	..	2.3	11.5	6.3
133	65	Signode 7¼ Cv	£112	-2	725	6.7	..
24½	7	Silentnite	15	..	2.2	14.0	7.1
100	47	Simon Eng	100	..	3.0	7.3	7.7
92	35	Simpson S.	45	..	3.8	8.5	12.5
90	35	Do A	44	..	3.8a	8.7	12.5
56½	29	Sketchley	50	9 ..	7.2	10.4	3.1
42	20	Slimma Grp	31	+1	2.3	7.2	5.5
41½	29	Small & Tidmrs	77	-1	5.7	7.7	3.3
52½	22	Smith & Nephew	43½	• -½	1.7	4.1	12.0
420	134	Smith W. H.	246	..	7.7	3.1	11.2
128	50	Smiths Ind	122	-1	7.7	6.3	7.5
95	46	Smurfit	73	-5	5.0	8.8	9.5
32	17	Sobranie	19	..	2.1	11.5	5.5
28	15	Do NV	14	..	2.1	12.5	5.0
53	18	Solicitors Law	46	• +1	4.0	10.5	5.7
93	30	Sthern-Evans	84	..	1.5	1.9	5.5
150	50	Sparrow C. W.	80	..	3.2	4.4	4.0
133	32½	Spear & Jackson	71	..	5.2	6.3	..
150	63	Spear J. W.	110	..	2.6	2.4	6.8
28	8	Spencer Gears	12½	..	1.3	10.6	3.7
43	23	Spencer G.	33	..	3.1	12.1	6.2
215	50	Spencer T & B	80	..	11.0	13.8	3.4
47	18	Spillers	37½	-1	3.5	9.3	10.0
143	58	Spirax-Sarco	96	• ..	8.4b	8.8	7.1
47	19	Spirella	34	..	4.1	12.0	7.3
42	34	Spooner Ind	27	..	3.3	12.3	3.7
42	7½	Spreckley C.	11½	-½	..	..	..
120	60	Staffs Potts	82	..	6.9	8.4	3.1
49	22	Stafles Int	35	..	3.4	9.8	3.9
68	36	Stag Furniture	64	• -1	8.2	12.8	4.4
64	38	Stanley A. G.	61	..	7.5	11.8	15.7
56	13	Stannerlands	22	..	2.8	12.7	9.3
52	11½	Starwood Radio	16	..	..e	..	10.1
109	28	Staveley Ind	106	+1	9.6	8.3	6.4
193	100	Steel Bros	176	..	10.7	6.1	14.4
115	54	Steetley Co	77	r -3	7.8b	8.1	7.5
30	10	Stelluberg	15	..	1.4	8.4	5.7
48	10	Stephen J	11	..	..	..	..
80	33	Stew'l & Ll 6%	75	..	..	..	..
53	15	Stigwood R Grp	27	..	2.1	8.5	10.5
37	9	Stocklake Hldgs	19	..	..e	..	..
73	40	Stocks J & Sub	55	..	4.5	9.0	3.1
97	36	Stonehill	72	..	11.2	15.1	5.6
72	24½	Stone Platt	66	-½	4.1	6.2	4.3
81	11	Storey Bros	34	..	4.2	12.7	5.7
120	53	Stothert & Pitt	77	+1	12.0	15.2	4.7
53	27	Strong & Fisher	36	..	5.4	14.9	2.9
53	4½	Sturla G	12	h ..	..e	..	2.7
13	3½	Sumner F.	9½	..	1.1	11.1	4.0
32½	12	Sunbeam W'sley	18	+6	..	..	..
44	26	Sutcliffe S'man	27	..	3.3	12.0	5.0
113	54	Swan Hunter	93	+2½	6.2	9.8	3.5

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
44	10	Tace Ltd.	19	..	3.0	15.9	3.1
33	17	TPT	31	• -½	4.1	13.2	4.1
630	400	Takeda Bdr	610	..	1.1	0.2	..
145	58	Tarmac Ltd	123	-3	11.2	9.1	6.5
258	93	Tate & Lyle	235	-5	15.5	6.6	5.3
83	30	Taylor Pallis	60	..	5.5	10.0	9.2
282	65	Taylor Woodrow	216	+6	6.4	2.9	11.3
43	13	Telefusion	30	..	1.3a	7.5	4.5
42	11	Do A	19	..	1.3a	7.5	4.6
114	45	Telephone Rent	105	..	6.2	5.9	12.1
57	19	Tesco	43	-3	1.8	4.1	11.6
50	6	Textured Jersey	17	..	..	..	..
72	16	Thames Plywd	44	..	3.2b	12.9	6.1
39	18	Thermal Synd	36	..	3.5	9.6	4.2
232	37	Thomson Org	195	-2	6.6b	3.9	14.4
75	29	Thomson T-Line	29	-1	7.0	21.2	2.4
230	74	Thorn Electric	152	-5	7.8	5.2	3.7
321	71	Do A	152	-5	7.8	5.2	3.7
11	7½	Thurgar Bardex	7	..	0.8	11.1	4.6
240	85	Tilbury Cont	203	• -2	22.8	11.2	4.3
71	18	Tilling T	55	• -3	4.4	8.1	6.6
68½	28	Time Products	57	..	1.8	3.1	3.8
45½	15	Titaghur Jute	16	..	..	..	..
320	110	Tobacco Sec Tst	187	-3	16.3	8.7	15.0
825	470	Do Dfd	780	-10	56.7	7.5	16.9
14½	7	Tomkins F. H.	9	..	1.1	12.1	4.1
39	14½	Tootal	29½	..	2.5	8.7	5.4
69	16	Tozer Kemsley	16	-1	2.8	8.6	5.1
86½	21½	Trafalgar H Inv	82	-4½	3.8	4.6	6.9
35	15	Trafford C'pets	19	..	..e	..	2.2
59½	23½	Trans Paper	52½	..	5.5	10.7	6.5
62	25	Transport Dev	48	-½	4.0	8.3	8.5
102	25	Tranwood	78	h ..	2.3	3.8	4.8
9½	2	Trianon	4½	..	..	..	..
25½	10½	Tricoville	22	..	1.4	6.3	4.6
32	9	Trident TV 'A'	17½	..	3.0	16.9	4.7
44	18	Triplex Found	28	..	4.2	11.9	4.4
137	30	Third Her Forte	104	-3	11.0	10.7	22.3
280	130	Tube Invest	228	• -16	23.2	10.2	4.7
170	50	Tunnel Cem 'B'	113	-3	11.2	9.9	7.9
55	5	Turner R.	6	h ..	1.0	17.3	3.8
127	61	Turner Newall	103	-3	11.3	11.0	6.7
45	17	Turner Mfg	38	-1	4.5	11.8	5.5
100	23	Turriff	57	..	4.7	8.6	6.0
99½	41	UDS Grp	51	-1	6.6b	7.5	11.9
88	28	UK Optical	62	+1	4.8	7.7	6.0
37	7	U U Textiles	16	..	1.2	15.1	2.7
70	30	Unicorn Ind	60	..	6.2	10.3	7.6
62½	23½	Unigate	41	..	3.8b	9.3	6.6
350	151	Unilever	335	-3	16.0	4.8	7.3
20¼	9¼	Do NV	£16½	-¼	73.4	4.1	9.0
104	58	Uniten	96	..	8.9	10.3	9.0
87	20	Utd Biscuit	51	..	3.4	4.2	9.4
77	27	UBM Grp	30	..	6.1	11.4	5.6
35	14	Utd City Merc	28	..	1.3	5.4	4.5
37	11	Utd Eng	15	..	2.5	16.7	4.1
37	6½	Utd Gas Ind	13½	-½	..	..	..
305	94	Utd News	186	-2	15.0	8.1	4.5
62	18	Utd Scientific	57	..	3.1	13.6	8.1
82½	15½	Vantona	33	-2	4.5	13.6	2.1
37½	4	Venesta	8½	-1	..	..	0.6
290	120	Vereeniging Ref	210	..	16.1	7.7	6.6
22½	11¼	Vesta	£15	-¼	..	..	30.0
151	64	Vibroplant	71	-1	12.3	17.3	5.4
151	64	Vickers	128	-3	11.2	8.8	7.1
42	9	Vita-Tex	15	..	4.0	26.9	2.1
106	29	Vosper	67	..	5.2	7.6	3.8
30	14	W Ribbons	24	• -1	2.7	12.1	8.5
41	10	WGI	23	..	4.4	12.2	4.7
35	14	Wade Potteries	27	• +1	1.4	6.1	6.0
59	33	Wadkin	50	..	6.3	12.6	5.6
97	48	Wagon Ind	86	..	10.7b	12.4	7.5
29½	6	Walker & Homer	10½	..	1.1	10.7	5.2
119	38	Walker C. & W.	90	..	6.6	7.3	..
165	63	Walker Cros	155	h ..	6.9	4.5	8.2
93	24	Walker J. Gold	41	• ..	2.7	6.7	6.2
93	24	Do NV	37	..	2.7	7.2	5.7
125	26	Walmsley Bury	37	..	6.7	18.2	12.8
100	29	Ward & Gold	90	+1	8.5	12.9	3.9
82	20½	Ward T. W	63	-1½	5.5	8.8	4.1
17½	5	Wardle B	12½	..	1.1	9.2	2.5
305½	21	Waring & Gillow	33	..	1.4	10.6	6.3
41	17	Warren J.	110	• ..	14.1	12.8	4.3
33	13	Warrington T	23	..	4.3	18.7	5.4
43	14½	Waterford Glass	32	-1	1.0	3.1	14.2
126	53	Watts Blake	84	..	3.3	4.0	7.4
53	28	Wearwell	40	..	5.6	14.0	8.2
29½	7	Webstars Pub	12½	..	0.9	7.4	5.8
31	8	Weeks Assoc	13	..	1.6	12.1	4.8
61	18	Weir Grp	43½	-½	5.8	13.2	5.0
30	13	Wellman Eng	27	-½	2.8	10.3	6.6
47	23	Westbrick Pds	29	..	3.6	12.2	3.6
26	11	W Cum Silk	15	..	2.2	14.9	5.4
44½	17	Westland Air	37	+½	3.5	9.8	5.8
71	19	Weston Pharm	30	-1	3.0	9.9	6.4
155	56	Weyburn Eng	155	..	8.4	5.4	9.2
40	10	Wharf Mill	13	..	1.8	13.8	4.0
11½	4½	Whatlings	7¼	..	0.6	8.1	6.6
143	55	W'sheaf Dist	143	..	6.1	4.3	10.6
66	19½	Wh'lock Mar	43	-½	..	..	..
131	30	Whessoe	52	-2	5.8	11.1	6.8
16	6½	Wheway Watson	13	..	0.8b	6.2	7.2
47½	7	White Child	44	+2	4.2a	9.3	5.9
100	40	Whitecroft	100	..	6.8	6.9	5.3
39	28	Whiteley BSW	28	-1	4.1	14.6	5.3
60	30	Wholesale Fitt	46	-1	6.3	13.4	4.3
260	40	Wigfall H.	117	..	5.5	4.7	3.1
32	8	Wiggins C. S.	15	..	1.9	12.4	18.1
110	17	Wilkins & Mit	45	-1	3.4	7.4	3.8
157	52	Wilkins'n Match	109	-1	10.5	9.6	4.7
59	54	Do 10% Conv	£79	c ..	1000	12.7	..
82	19	Wms Hudson	26	-1½	0.5	1.9	2.3
51	15	Wms J. Cardiff	31½	..	2.5	7.9	4.8
40½	20	Wills G. & Sons	36	..	1.7	4.7	4.5
23	5½	Wilmot Breeden	20	-1	3.1	15.4	2.1
30	12	Wilson Bros	14½	..	..e	..	..
112	30	Wimpey G	106	• -4	1.6	1.5	8.4
31	9	Winn Ind	22½	+1	3.1b	13.8	8.3
125	70	Winsor Newton	107	..	10.0	9.3	7.6
49	17	Witter T	23	-1	3.9	17.1	7.1
168	35	W'sley Hughes	80	+1	6.4	8.0	5.7
125	47	W'holm Bronze	74	• -2	9.0	11.8	3.9
21½	11	Wombwell Fdry	14½	..	1.1	7.6	6.1
79	36	Wood Bastow	41	..	4.8	11.8	3.9
40	23	Wood S. W.	32	-1	4.7	14.6	3.2
27	5	Wood W.	10	..	..e	..	..
91	25	Wood Hall Tst	62	-2	5.5	8.9	4.0
94	43	Woodhead J	70	-2	7.8	11.2	3.9
29	17	W'dh'se Rixson	25	..	2.6	10.6	3.0
39	24	Woolworth	41	-2	3.2b	14.4	10.4
47½	21	Worth Bond	43½	+½	4.8	11.3	4.2
58	13	Wrighton F.	20	..	1.5	7.4	2.7
32	20	Wyatt W Hldgs	24	+1	3.7	15.4	4.5
163	79	Yarrow & Co	122	• -2	5.0a	4.8	1.2
31	11	York Trailer	19	..	2.4	12.8	3.4
132	37	Youghal C'pts	67	• +1	8.8	13.1	4.1
66	19	Young H Hldgs	12	..	..e	..	3.0
37	14	Zetters	22	..	1.3	6.0	4.7

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
51	12	Ang-Cont Inv	24	..	..e	..	6.0
50	25	Argentine S Lnd	36	..	4.5a	12.4	6.2
86	31	Assam Trdng 'B'	45	..	2.6	5.8	..
238	103	Aust Estates	258	h ..	3.6	1.3	8.7
203	76	Do A	203	h +1	2.8	1.4	7.4
75	6	Brit Debt Serv	11	..	..e	..	..
110	40	BET Dfd	84	-2	6.3	9.9	5.8
29½	5½	Cen & Sheer	17	-½	2.5	14.7	3.1
159	87	Challenge Corp	142	-4	7.0	4.9	8.0
25	9	Chancery Cons	17	+1	0.7	4.2	12.1
72	21	Charterhse Grp	44	-2	4.6	10.5	7.1
73	18	Charterland	55	• ..	2.9	5.2	10.3
49½	19	C Fin de Suez	£42¼	-3½	..	..	..
30	7	Corinthian	15	-1	..e	..	3.9
270	92	Daily Mail Tst	185	..	13.5	7.3	13.9
270	90	Do A	185	..	13.5	7.3	13.9
265	53	Dalgety	177	-3	12.1	6.8	4.6
22	5	Dawnay Day	20	..	..	..	..
32	9	Edin Ind Hldgs	11	..	..e	..	3.4
59	10	Equity Ent	18	-1	2.7	14.8	..
33	10	Esdales & Gen	15	..	2.2	14.6	..
93	32	FC Finance	65	..	4.9	7.6	7.0
69	20	Fanti Cons	31	• ..	2.4	3.0	9.8
32	3	Fitzroy Inv	5	..	..	..	6.7
48	11	Goode D & M Grp	25	..	1.6	4.7	8.9
40	12	Hothlyn 'A'	35	-2	1.8	5.3	13.3
477	138	Inchcape	330	-7	10.9	3.3	8.9
24	14	Investment Co	16½	..	1.3	7.9	7.3
64	11	Jessel Secs	11	f ..	5.3	47.7	1.3
32	6	Do Dfd	6	f ..	..	..	..
35	10½	Kwahu Co	17	..	..e	..	7.4
79	25	Law Deb Corp	62	+2	5.3b	8.5	..
65	24	Lloyds & Scot	64	-1	4.5	7.0	13.0
26	16	Ldn & Euro Secs	33	..	2.2	6.6	6.7
23	7½	Ldn Aust & Gen	36	-½	..	..	10.3
94	29	Ldn Utd Inv	41	..	4.5	10.9	3.0
44	20	Mahson Fin	30	..	4.5	14.8	3.0
50	20	Martin R P	42	..	8.2	19.5	4.1
64	10	Mercantile Crdt	20	..	..e	..	18.4
14½	14½	Moorgate Merc	14½	f ..	1.4	9.6	6.9
39	12	NMC Invest	17	-1	1.8	11.1	4.8
62	28	New World	57	..	2.3	4.1	35.3
154	27	Prov Fin Grp	83	..	5.9	7.1	10.4
640	250	Real Estate SA	610	..	20.9	3.3	29.3
157	43	Ritter & Merc	111	..	9.0	8.1	18.1
124	42	Sime Darby	101	-6	1.9	1.9	12.7
50	15	Smith Bros	42	..	5.2b	12.4	5.1
98	35	Trust & Agency	69	..	5.3	7.8	14.1
10½	6	Tyndall O'seas	£5½	-¼	46.4	7.1	..
81	10	Utd Dom Tst	26	-2	..e	..	11.8
25	2	Vavasseur	3	-½	..b	..	..
75	6	Wagon Fin	43	..	2.2	5.2	10.7
40	25	Western Sel	27	..	2.6	9.7	8.5
30	19	Yule Catto	25	..	1.8	6.1	10.6

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
70	19	Bowring	53	-3	3.2	5.9	..
106	33	Brentnall Beard	33	..	4.4	8.8	6.2
164	58	Britannic	124	..	10.5	8.4	..
180	68	Com Union	129	-4	10.2	8.4	..
158	44	Eagle Star	107	-2	7.0	6.6	..
216	50	Equity & Law	126	-2	7.6	6.0	..
352	62	Gen Accident	135	-2	8.1	6.0	..
180	59½	Guardian Royal	134	-4	11.6b	7.5	..
224	44	Hambro Life	134	+1	8.1	6.1	5.4
202½	78	Heath C. E.	195	-3	9.35	4.8	11.3
188	40	Hogg Robinson	118	-2	6.1	5.2	11.4
117	30	Howden A.	94	-2	3.2	3.4	11.3
151	45	Legal & Gen	113	• -3	6.3	5.9	..
103	33	Leslie & Godwin	90	+1	4.7	5.2	13.3
142	48	London & Man	102	-2	6.5	6.4	..
269	82	Matthews W'son	143	-2	10.3	7.1	8.4
267	55	Minet Hldgs	163	-1	4.1	2.7	15.6
225	70	Orion	233	h +1	8.7	3.7	..
254	81	Pearl	174	• -2	14.3	8.2	..
210	86	Phoenix	182	-2	11.1	6.1	..
128	60	Prov Life 'A'	105	..	9.3	8.9	..
129	60	Do A Br	103	..	9.3	9.0	..
123	60	Do B	105	..	9.3	8.9	..
128	60	Do B Br	105	..	9.3	8.9	..
147	53	Prudential	112	-3	7.6	6.8	..
320	115	Refuge 'A'	230	..	18.7	8.5	..
153	58	Do B	110	-2	9.3	8.5	..
381	120	Royal	244	-7	12.4	5.1	..
254	44	Sedg. Forbes	190	+3	10.9	5.8	14.7
121	27	Stenhouse	52	..	4.7	9.0	6.1
403	174	Sun Alliance	370	-10	22.9	6.2	..
87	31	Sun Life	74	-1	4.3b	5.1	..
166	58	Trade Indem'ty	133	• -1	9.6	7.2	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	47	Aberdeen Trst	93	..	5.0	5.4	27.9
46½	14½	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	36	..	..	..	..
37	37	Do Inc	49	..	6.0b	12.2	11.5
175½	58	Alliance Trust	161	-3	7.5	4.6	31.1
43	15	Amer Trust	29½	..	2.0	6.9	30.0
82	32	Ang-Amer Secs	71	+2	3.2	4.5	31.0
34½	19½	Anglo Int Inv	32	..	3.9	12.1	13.1
77	16	Do Ass	45	+1	..	..	..
46	15	Anglo Scot	31	-½	2.0	6.5	23.3
57	36	Ashbourne	40½	f ..	1.3	3.2	32.1
79	43	Ascdown Inv	83	+1	4.4	5.3	26.1
73	15½	ASC Regional	28	..	0.6	2.1	..
112	38	Atlantic Assets	54	-1	1.2	2.2	..
38½	16	Atlas Electric	33½	+½	1.5b	4.7	35.2
155	22½	Authority Inv	37½	..	0.2	0.4	111.8
44	23	Bankers Inv	38½	+1½	2.6b	6.5	28.5
51½	16	Berry Trust	33	..	0.9b	2.8	60.3
2.5	106	Border & Sthrn	178	..	6.7	3.8	33.3
32½	16	Brit Am & Gen	27	..	1.8	6.8	19.8
68	18	Brit Assets Tst	42½	+1½	1.8	4.2	36.9
10½	4	Brit Emp Sec	8	+½	0.8	9.4	15.3
142½	63	Brit Invest	122	..	4.7b	3.8	37.9
130	99	Brit Isles & Gen	150	..	6.5	3.9	39.9
99	43	Broadstone	93	..	4.6	5.0	25.4
45	37	Brunner	52½	+1½	3.5	6.8	20.8
84½	27	Brycourt Inv	41	..	2.5	5.6	25.0
33	21	CLRP Inv	43	..	1.9	4.2	25.3
115	63	Cable Trust	100	..	6.3	3.9	26.6
134	80	Cairnton	139	..	5.8	4.5	31.7
239	76	Caledonia Inv	134	-4	9.6	6.2	12.6
66	36½	Caledonia Tst	53	..	1.8	3.5	44.2
66	24½	Do B	47	..	..	..	..
35	9½	Cannon St	17½	f ..	2.0	35.6	..
96	42	Capital & Natl	58½	+½	4.6b	6.3	..
81	41½	Do B	56	+2	..	..	..
147	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	100	..	6.3	6.2	..
99	47	Carliol Inv	84	+1	3.7	4.3	31.5
55	34	Cedar Inv	43	..	2.5	5.7	20.0
39	19	Charter Trust	37	..	2.4	6.4	21.2
34	19½	City & Grave	26	..	1.6	6.1	21.1
38	13½	Do Cncs	23	..	..	..	..
62½	29½	Clydesdale Inv	50	..	2.0	3.9	35.7
63	28	Do B	47	..	..	..	..
11	7½	Common Mkt	£11	..	3.9	3.5	35.9
131	59½	Cont & Ind	122	..	5.9	4.8	32.2
33	12	Corporate Guar	14	f ..	..	..	..
51	35	Crossfriars	42	..	3.0	7.1	17.3
32	14	Cumulus	26	..	1.0b	4.0	36.7
50	35	Deltz Inv	41	..	..	..	..
165	38	Derby Tst 'Inc'	117	..	14.7	12.6	13.9
137	40	Do Cap	99	..	..	..	..
120	62	Drayton Cons	111	..	5.2	4.6	29.5
153	80½	Do Premier	146	..	7.5	5.1	24.1
43	18½	Dundee & Ldn	35	..	2.4b	7.3	19.1
58	18	E & W Inv	42	..	1.3b	3.1	38.2
105	48½	Edin & Dundee	105	-1	4.0b	4.9	..
174	79	Edinburgh Inv	145	+1	7.2	5.0	27.9
80	29	Elec & Gen	30½	..	1.5	4.9	30.5
88	23	Embankment	50½	..	2.8	5.5	25.8
83	33	Eng & Caledon'n	60	..	2.8	4.7	33.1
87	25	Eng & N York	47	+1	2.5	5.4	21.5
124	63	Eng & Scottish	104	..	4.9	4.7	26.7
124	63	Do B.	106	..	0.3	0.2	..
226	108	Estate Duties	215	..	10.5b	4.9	27.9
146	67½	First Re-invest	130	..	5.5	4.2	32.1
89	35	First Scot Am	80	..	3.3	5.2	27.0
130	58	Foreign & Colnl	110½	+1	3.6	3.3	38.6
60	20	Gt Japan Inv	42	+2	0.5a	0.8	250.0
93½	41	Gen Funds 'Ord'	96½	+4½	5.5	5.9	16.4
73	30	Do Conv	78	..	..	..	..
90	34	Gen Inv & Tsts	66	..	4.2	6.3	22.0
79	34	Gen Scottish	62	-3	3.0b	6.3	20.5
77½	33	Glendevon	37	-1	3.1	6.5	20.5
88	33	Glenmurray	41	..	2.1	4.6	37.3
63	22½	Do B Ord	40	..	..	..	..
79	36	Globe Trust	58	-½	3.6	5.1	21.1
75	40	Govett Euro	67½	..	3.7b	5.5	21.1
50	37	Grange Trust	48½	..	2.2	4.5	33.5
75	35	Great Northern	65	-1	4.6	6.7	19.2
73	36	Greenfriar	49½	..	1.4	2.9	53.2
105	28	Gresham Hse	37	..	4.5	12.1	4.4
54½	22	Guardian	56	+2	2.3	5.0	28.8
90	35	Hambros 'A'	66½	-2	6.0	9.0	20.0
89	34	Do B	52½	-1½	..	..	..
41	14	Harcros	37	..	2.0	5.3	25.5
118	43	Hill P. Inv	86½	+2½	6.9	7.3	20.5
90	24½	Hume Hldgs 'A'	46	..	4.3	9.2	21.4
36	21	Do B	42	-1	..	..	..
35	15¼	Indus & General	33	+½	2.7a	5.0	26.8
59	25	Internat Inv	47	+1	2.7a	5.0	26.9
58	28½	Invest in Suc	89½	+3	3.1	3.6	37.9
140	73	Inv Tst Corp	123½	-½	6.1	4.9	30.3
54	23	Inv Cap Trst	44½	-½	1.5b	3.3	38.7
100	51	Jardine Japan	93	• ..	0.8	0.8	..
122	55	Jersey Ext	92	+2	..	..	..
56	28	Kellock Hldgs	46	..	..	..	..
66	31	Lake View Inv	54	..	2.1	3.8	33.1
63	21	Ldn & Holyrood	61	..	3.7e	5.9	30.1
123	46	Ldn & Montrose	108	..	5.5	5.0	28.8
73	30	Ldn & Prov Tst	63	..	2.4b	5.3	..
68	30	Ldn Elec & Gen	55	..	2.9	5.1	21.9
80	45	Ldn Intercont	45	f ..	..	..	..
34½	11	Ldn Merch Sec	21½	..	..e	..	..
59½	11	Do Cap	21½	..	..	..	..
80	18	Ldn Pru Invest	36	..	2.8b	7.6	20.8
60	47	Ldn Scot Amer	88	• -1	6.0	5.8	21.6
200	86	Ldn Trust	158	+3	9.6	6.2	22.1
80	50	Melbourne Gen	86	..	3.7	4.3	26.8
18½	5	Mentelth	8½	..	0.7	7.9	13.1
46	18	Mercantile Inv	23	..	2.4b	6.2	18.7
61	31	Merchants Trust	45	..	2.7	6.0	25.6
61	16½	Monks Inv	31½	-1	1.6	5.1	28.7
245	140	Nelson Fin	240	..	5.1	2.1	11.0
81	34	New Court Euro	60	-1	2.8	4.7	35.5
81	5	New Throg 'Inc'	13½	-½	2.3b	17.4	7.2
154	12	Do Cap	53	+2	..	..	..
76	38½	North Atlantic	68	..	2.5	3.7	31.8
77	29	Northern Amer	62½	..	3.3	5.2	28.0
74	32	Northern Sec	69	..	3.7	5.3	32.4
80	34½	Oil & Associated	31½	..	2.3	7.1	20.3
91	34½	Pentland	68½	-1½	4.0	5.8	24.2
44	25	Portfolio Inv	4	..	0.6	15.0	8.3
185	140	Progressive Sec	185	..	6.0	3.7	22.9
105	14	Prop Inv & Fin	31	..	..e	..	6.9
35	42	Raeburn	84	..	4.5	5.3	21.1
60	42	River Plate	88	..	6.3	7.3	..
88	28	Romney Trust	58	+1	3.1	5.4	26.0
400	237	Rothschild	380	+10	14.0	3.9	28.5
54	20	Safeguard	40	..	4.0	10.1	13.8
46	26	Scot Amer	51	..	2.6	5.1	..
56	39½	Scot&Cont'Inv	81	..	1.6	2.9	35.7
51	14½	Scot & Merc 'A'	35	..	3.4	9.8	12.4
102½	42	Scot Eastern	91	-1	4.3	4.8	28.0
63	27	Scot European	37	..	1.5b	4.0	35.9
84	35	Scot Invest	71	-1	3.1	4.3	31.6
93	40	Scot Mortgage	81	-1	3.4b	4.2	32.0
111	47½	Scot National	93	-1	4.0	4.3	31.5
94	35	Scot Northern	61½	-1½	3.5	5.7	23.7
70½	36½	Scot United	64½	s ..	2.1	3.2	40.8
81	32	Scot Western	63	..	2.5	4.0	33.5
77	30½	Do B	56	..	..	..	..
141	69½	Sec Alliance	128	-2	6.3	4.9	29.2
120	53	Sec Brit Ass	109	+2	2.25	2.1	30.0
73	38	Sec Gt Northern	56	-1	2.3	4.1	44.8
69	38	Do B	50	+3	..	..	..
77	33	See Scot Inv	67½	-2	2.8	4.1	33.8
138	66	Secs Trst Scot	116	-1	6.9	5.9	22.1
105	53	Standard Trust	98	-1	5.9	6.0	20.1
123	55	Sterling Trust	109	-1	5.8	5.3	26.3
252	126	Stockholders	230	-2	8.2	3.6	35.7
85	30	Throg Sec 'Cap'	57	-3	..	..	..
52	21	Throgmtn Trust	39	..	5.3	13.6	9.0
39	26	Tripleves: 'Inc'	47	e ..	5.6	11.8	13.8
150½	30	Do Cap	89	..	..	..	..
72	42	Trustees Corp	83	-1	4.3	5.1	25.5
67	41	Tyneside Inv	84	..	3.7	4.4	32.9
150	70	Utd Brit Secs	135	..	8.3	5.9	26.6
127	70	Utd States Deb	63	..	3.6	5.7	25.5
133	60	Utd States Gen	116	..	5.9	5.1	23.1
103	38	Viking Res	49	..	0.8a	1.6	81.7
56	25	Whitecapeken	27	f ..	..	..	..
108	62	W'bottom Trust	116	-1	5.0b	4.3	29.5
76	32	Witan Inv	57	-1	2.2	3.9	..
74	32	Do B	52	-1	0.1	0.2	44.1
125	50	Yeoman Tst	107	..	6.6	6.3	20.4
30	15	Yorks & Lancs	18	..	1.6	8.7	16.4
51	20	Young Co Inv	33	..	3.6	11.0	10.6

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
222	82	Brit & Comm	183	-2	10.5	5.7	9.1
95	80	Fisher J	75	s -3	3.5	4.6	4.1
204	103	Furness Withy	179	-4	9.1	5.1	6.8
160	43	Hill C. Bristol	35	..	..e	..	..
310	75	Hunting Gibson	125	..	13.6	10.8	1.4
42½	12	Jacobs J. I.	21	• -½	2.3	10.8	6.0
155	27	Manch Liners	152	..	7.5	4.9	5.7
121	50	Ocean Trans	95½	-3	8.8a	9.2	6.1
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	102	-1	7.8	7.3	3.3
115	38	Runciman W	95	-7	7.7	8.1	8.0

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	230	Amal Colls	375	..	23.1	6.2	..
539	235	Anglo Am Corp	398	+11	17.8	4.6	..
42	20	Ang Am Gold	£39	+¼	152	3.9	..
29¼	13¼	Anglo Am Inv	£23½	..	179	7.6	..
18	6	Anglo Transvl	£11¼	..	50.9	4.5	..
18	6	Do A	£11	..	50.9	4.6	..
160	77	Ayer Hitam	125	..	14.6	11.7	..
58	20	Beralt Tin	22	-1	..e	..	..
135	43	Bishopsgate Pl	68	+1	..	..	..
10¼	3½	Blyvoors	£9	+¼	65.5	7.3	..
280	44	Botswana RST	73	+3	..	..	..
360	183	Bracken Mines	290	• -5	36.3	12.3	..
254	125	BH South	167	-1	7.3	3.8	..
22½	14½	Buffelsfontein	£19½	-1	112	5.8	..
221	73	Charter Cons	138	-2	8.9	6.4	..
279½	134	Cons Gold Fields	212	+5	10.0	4.7	..
40	7	Daggafontein	18	+1	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	239	+1	15.3	6.4	..
14½	6½	Doornfontein	£12¼	..	71.7	5.8	..
21	7½	Durban Rood	£9	+¼	68.6	7.6	..
195	45	East Daggs	87	..	18.7	19.0	..
11¼	5	E Driefontein	£10¼	+¼	34.3	..	..
48	16	E Rand Cons	21	..	71.7	..	..
21	5½	E. Rand Prop	£11¼	+¼	87.0	7.7	..
405	198	Elsburg Gold	308	+20	28.3	..	..
17	11	Ex-Lands	15	..	2.0	13.6	..
30½	10½	F S Geduld	£27½	• +¼	191	7.0	..
390	200	Geduld Inv	325	..	21.1	6.5	..
308	156	Geevor Tin	218	..	30.6	14.0	..
290¼	14½	Gen Mining	£28	..	130	4.7	..
14½	9	Gold & Base	13	..	1.3	9.6	..
260	150	Gopeng Cons	273	-2	21.3	9.1	..
83	35	Gt Boulder Gold	37	-4	1.2	..	..
310	139	Greenvlel	310	+30	20.0	6.5	..
145	74	Hamersley	118	-4	..	..	..
167	38	Hampton Gold	50	..	1.7	1.8	..
10¼	4½	Harmony	£7¾	+¼	47.5	8.5	..
29¼	15¼	Hartebeest	£26¼	+¼	122	4.8	..
29¼	9	Ja'burg Cons	£19	..	87.4	4.6	..
300	305	Kinross	370	• +10	23.1	6.2	..
15½	8¼	Kloof	£11½	+½	42.5	3.7	..
327	77	Leslie	108	• -1	14.2	8.0	..
16½	6½	Libanon	£14¼	+¼	71.7	5.0	..
180	100	Ldn Tin	180	..	10.5	6.7	..
200	70	Lydenburg Plat	100	+2	..e	..	..
224	88	MIM Hldgs	186	-4	5.9	3.6	..
150	62	MTD (Mangula)	83	+3	20.0	24.1	..
173	65	Malayan Tin	152	-4	15.0	9.8	..
310	260	Marievale Con	385	+26	52.6	13.7	..
300	180	Messina Trans	330	+10	37.2	11.3	..
77	22	Metals Explor	42	..	..	..	..
345	250	Middle Wits	380	+10	13.7	3.6	..
233	138	Minorco	203	+8	9.4	4.6	..
467	182	Nthgate Explor	277	-6	20.5	7.5	..
62	22	Panang Cons	41	-6	3.1b	7.4	..
454	125	Peko Wallsend	350	-20	..	..	..
260	100	Poseidon	200	..	..	..	..
27	11½	Pres Brand	£22¼	• +¼	151	6.6	..
22¼	11½	Pres Steyn	£18	• +¼	83.3	4.6	..
450	130	Rand Mine Prop	295	-10	7.4	2.5	..
26	11	Randfontein	£23¼	+¼	..	..	..
12½	5½	Rand Select	£9	+¼	42.2	4.8	..
36	13	Rhodesian Corp	22	+2	0.8	3.6	..
224	74	Rio Tinto Zinc	139	+1	8.4	6.0	..
440	255	Rust Cons 'B'	340	-10	..	..	..
35¼	14	St Helena	£31½	• +¼	183	5.2	..
13	7	St Piran	19	..	..e	..	..
12	10	Sea Diam	14	..	..	..	..
530	235	Selection Tst	446	+2	20.0	1.3	..
435	178	Sentrust	370	+2	17.5	4.7	..
66	27	Silvermines	41	-1	6.0	14.6	..
700	320	SA Cnsl	700	..	21.9	3.1	..
11¼	2½	SA Land	£9¼	+¼	52.6	8.0	..
13½	4½	Southvaal	£10½	+¼	5.6	..	..
133	67	Sthn Malayan	123	-5	15.0	12.2	..
91	48	Sungei Besi	62	-1	9.1	14.7	..
215	90	Tanc Cons	127	-3	13.2	10.4	..
45	28	Tanjong Tin	80	-2	6.5	8.1	..
290	220	Tharsis Sulph	230	+10	..	..	..
13	5	Transvaal Cons	£9¼	-¼	40.0b	4.1	..
87	41	Tronoh Mines	68	..	6.0	8.6	..
467	230	UC Invest	360	..	22.4	6.2	..
400	250	Union Corp	425	..	25.1	5.7	..
253	83	Union Plat	133	..	..	..	..
34½	12½	Vaal Reefs	£29½	+1	134	4.8	..
11½	2½	Ventersport	£9½	+¼	39.3	6.2	..
17½	7½	Vereen Est	£17	..	70.6	4.2	..
107	48	Wankie Colliery	63	• ..	7.0	11.1	..
247	85	Waterval Plat	125	..	13.2	10.6	..
650	328	Welkom	440	• +10	32.9	..	..
40½	23½	W Driefontein	£37	-1½	201	6.1	..
670	165	W Rand Cons	350	-5	25.0	7.1	..
713	330	Western Areas	600	-25	41.0	6.8	..
23½	10½	Western Deep	£19½	+¼	100	5.2	..
30¼	19	Western Hldgs	£29½	• +¼	275	4.9	..
124	56	Western Mining	133	-6	15	2.9	..
13½	3½	Winkelhaak	£10½	+¼	85.6	8.2	..
65	47½	Zambia Copper	61	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	22½	Ampol Pet	34	-½	3.1	8.7	10.2
42	15	Arg Ecuador	36	..	7.5	9.8	12
33	23	Attock	29	..	6.3e	10.6	27.8
151	29	Berry Wiggins	70	-2	2.8	4.3	39.8
130	66	Brit Borneo	114	..	7.1	6.2	15.7
594	191	BP	356	-10	25.2	7.5	22.7
56	14	Burmah Oil	41	+½	..	..	..
27¼	11½	C F Petroles	£22½	-¼	71.6	3.3	6.1
104	12	Oil Exploration	17	• -2	3.4	3.1	13.1
79½	9	Premier Cons	15	+½	..	..	..
50½	9	Ranger Oil	£16½	..	..	..	..
27½	14½	Royal Dutch	171	-½	140	5.0	4.2
268	119	Shell	219	• -1	17.5	8.2	2.8
190	70	Tricentrol	71	-2	3.2	4.3	12.1
210	66	Ultramar	102	-1	..	..	4.1

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	43	-1	3.5	8.1	6.5
120	56	Allnatt Ldn	101	-1	4.4	4.4	20.7
34	22	Amal Inv	31	• -1½	0.7	2.2	5.3
96	38	Apex Props	93	+3	2.5	2.6	31.6
24	7	Aquis Secs	14½	..	0.8	5.8	29.8
41	15	Argyle Secs	26	..	..	..	..
84½	37	Artagen Props	74	-1	2.2	3.0	24.5
14	4½	Bank & Com	4½	..	..h	..	..
43	25	Beaumont Prop	53½	..	4.0	7.5	16.3
218	50	Berkeley Hmbro	139	-1	4.4	3.2	17.1
102	50	Bilton Percy	98	+3	5.6a	5.7	14.9
110	48	Do Accum	96	+3	0.3	0.3	..
116	59	Bradford Prop	93	..	7.1	7.5	0.0
49½	18	Brit Anzani	28½	-1	..	..	..
121	49½	British Land	25	+1	..	..	..
94	33	Brixton Estate	83½	..	2.6	3.1	27.7
91	11½	Cap & Counties	35	-1½	3.4	11.0	9.7
61	12	Centrovincial	32	..	..	..	11.4
31	12	Do Cap	15	..	..	..	..
251	66	Chesterfield	132	-3	4.2	3.2	26.6
73	19	Clmap Secs	40	..	2.1	5.3	9.1
288	48	Churchbury Est	105	..	4.4b	4.5	22.1
54½	25	City Offices	46	..	2.0	5.3	31.5
34	7	Country & New T	10½	..	0.9	4.8	31.7
39	14	County & Dist	32	-1	..	..	15.6
110	28	Daejan Hldgs	37	+1	4.5	12.2	13.0
110½	17	Eng Prop	60	-1½	3.4b	5.7	22.4
113	50	Estates Prop	52½	+1½	3.0	6.0	21.5
130	57	Evans of Leeds	75	..	5.7	7.7	11.8
39½	3	Fraternal Est	11	..	..	..	..
28	12	Glanfield Secs	165	..	13.1b	7.9	11.4
242	97	Gt Portland	214	-2	4.5	2.1	33.5
48	12	Green R.	20	..	1.5	7.5	16.0
36	17	Guildhall	46	..	2.8	6.0	16.7
476	135	Hammerson	330	-5	12.5	3.8	28.8
470	135	Do A	330	-5	6.8	2.0	38.2
239	73	Haslemere Ests	184	..	3.4	1.8	54.1
71	23½	Intereuropean	32	-1	3.0	9.4	11.5
37	18	IPH	44	+3	..	..	19.4
60	4	Jovial	11	..	..	..	..
44	25	Land & Gen	32	..	..	..	42.2
35	9	Do A NV	11	..	..	..	17.2
134	16	Land & House	54	..	5.3	3.2	36.6
212	69½	Land Secs	164	-4	5.3b	3.3	34.0
101	31	Law Land	88	-3	3.1	3.5	33.5
112	24	Ldn & Prov Sh	68	+2	1.1	1.9	50.3
32	3½	Ldn City & Wstcl	14½	-½	0.1	0.7	..
58	25	Ldn Shop	47	..	4.1	8.8	11.3
110	37	Lynton Hldgs	36	..	2.7b	7.2	15.3
173	62	MEPC	145	-1	6.0	4.1	26.6
29½	18	Marler Estates	29	..	..	..	..
105	33	Maybrook	47	..	3.3	7.3	9.3
44	11	Midhurst Whites	20	• ..	1.3	6.3	37.7
160	68	New London	147	..	1.4	5.1	21.2
85	16½	Peachey Prop	33	-2	..	..	6.4
200	78	Prop & Rever	155	..	5.8	3.9	23.0
190	76	Do A	155	..	5.8	3.8	27.0
240	90	Prop Hldgs	193	..	7.1b	3.6	32.1
83½	19	Prop Sec	32	..	2.3	4.4	18.8
21½	3½	Raglan Prop	7	+½	..	..	..
110	33	Regional	46	..	2.4	4.3	20.5
104	25	Do A	46	..	2.4	5.1	17.2
68	12	Rush & Tompkns	33	-3	3.2	9.3	2.3
80	13½	Samuel Props	34½	-1	1.5	4.3	19.1
82	41½	Scot Met Props	73	..	2.5b	3.7	39.9
77	38	Slough Ests	68	• -1	2.8	3.9	27.9
154	52	Stock Conv	127	-3	2.3b	1.8	39.1
434	63	Sunley B.	140	..	5.9	4.2	15.7
59	8	Town & City	20½	-1	..	..	..
84	9	Town & Com	24	..	0.2	0.8	..
30	7½	Town Cen Secs	14	..	0.9	6.6	..
63	27	Trafford Park	50	..	4.7	9.3	11.8
43½	6	UK Props	13	+1	1.1	21.4	..
37	3½	Webb J.	12½	..	..	..	..
84	15	W'minster & C'ty	18	..	2.1	11.7	2.6
102	10	Wingate Inv	38	..	..	..	..
18½	3½	Woodmill	5½	+½	1.0	17.3	3.0

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	25	Anglo-Indonesia	36	..	2.6	7.3	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	61	..	2.8	4.5	..
118	51	Castlefield	82	+2	2.9	3.5	..
35	16	Chersonese	24	+½	1.4	5.8	..
66	26	Cons Plant	57	• -1	4.4	7.7	..
21	10	Doranakande	10	..	1.4	13.5	..
48	27	F. Asiatic	48	..	2.2b	4.6	..
73	36	Gadek	66	+3	2.8	4.2	..
87½	28	Golden Hope	53	-½	2.8	5.2	..
14	4½	Grand Central	7½	..	0.3	10.0	..
415	128	Guthrie Corp	228	-7	19.6a	8.6	..
57½	24	Highlds & Low	46	-1	1.4	3.1	..
100	50	Hongkong	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
150	94	Killinghall	95	..	8.1b	8.6	..
39½	19½	Kulim Grp	25	..	1.9	7.5	..
85	25	Ldn Asiatic	52	-1	2.9	5.6	..
39½	20	Ldn Sumatra	32	..	1.5	4.8	..
54	33	Majedie	49	..	1.6	3.2	..
14½	5½	Malayalam	7	• ..	..	..	..
91	41	Muar River	56	..	2.0	3.6	..
51½	26	Patallng	48	-2	3.1	6.5	..
50	29½	Plant Hldgs	36½	..	2.4	6.5	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£10½	..	46.5	4.4	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
81	50	Assam Frontier	78	..	10.0	12.8	..
54	28	Assam Inv	37	..	4.7	12.8	..
46	27	Camellia Inv	38	..	2.2	5.9	..
46	20	Clairmace	42	..	5.2	12.4	..
110	78	Crosby Hse	83	-1	12.0	14.4	..
32	12	Deundi	16	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
133	82	Jorehaut	110	h ..	..	..	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	70	-3	8.2	11.7	..
96	50	Moran	96	..	8.1	8.4	..
31	22	Ouvah Highlds	24	..	2.2	9.2	..
44	21	Peacock Sasini	21	..	3.3b	15.6	..
28	18	Sthn India	23	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	14	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	73	+1	8.4	10.3	..
41	20	Western Dooars	41	..	6.0	14.6	..
80	56	Williamson Hldgs	65	..	6.3	9.3	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
905	530	Algoma Cent Rly	905	+35	26.0	2.9	14.6
20	5	Antofagasta	£11½	..	..	..	..
45	12	Calcutta Elec	21	..	..e	..	..
58	34	E Surrey W 7%	£43	..	700	16.3	..
39½	39½	Essex Wtr 5%	£32	..	500	15.6	..
282	46	Felixstowe Dock	83	-2	8.7	11.7	10.6
322½	100	Imp Cont Gas	280	-3	10.2	3.7	22.0
430	110	LRT Hldgs	135	h ..	3.1	2.3	..
35½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£32	..	500	15.6	..
132	36	Milford Docks	73	..	..	..	13.3
93	56	Nigerian Elec	71	..	11.8	16.2	..
385	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	320	..	24.6	7.7	11.5
39½	25	Sunderland Wtr	£31	..	500	16.1	..

* Adjusted for tax changes. • Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adj for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 08.04.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	119.42	7.64	15.98	122.92
Largest Coys.	117.91	7.50	16.06	121.74
Smaller Coys.	124.35	8.09	15.72	126.30
Capital Goods	122.98	7.85	16.54	126.54
Consumer Goods	132.07	7.44	14.90	143.15
Store Shares	110.07	8.09	8.82	114.18
Largest financial shares	154.59	6.20	—	157.49
Largest financial and industrial shares	124.89	7.25	—	129.55
Commodity shares	188.71	4.54	32.83	189.20
Gold Mining shares	390.29	5.67	8.69	377.18
Industrial debenture stocks	77.34	7.98*	—	77.46
Industrial preference stocks	52.67	13.37*	—	52.79
3½% War Loan	26¼	13.68*	—	26½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	128.69 (06.03.75)	61.42 (08.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
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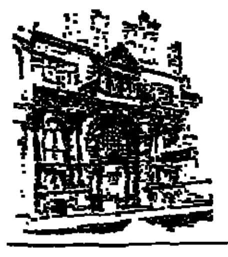
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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN

The Council of The School of Pharmacy invite applications for the appointment of Dean of the School to succeed Dr. Frank Harper, C.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D., F.P.S., who will retire on 30th September, 1976. The appointment is full-time and the salary, which will be negotiable, will not be less than £9,000 per annum, plus a London Allowance of £599 per annum and threshold payments. Correspondence should be addressed to The Chairman, Sir Frederick Warner, at 130 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, from whom further details of the Deanship may be obtained on request, by letter only. All envelopes must be marked CONFIDENTIAL DS.

The closing date for applications will be 31st May, 1975.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Agricultural Research Council

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Further details are available from The Secretary, Agricultural Research Council, 160 Great Portland Street, London W1 to whom applications should be made by 30 April 1975.

Southampton Archaeological Research Committee

DRAUGHTSMAN

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Applications, with the names of two referees should be sent to:

Philip Holdsworth, S.A.R.C., 58 Upper Bugle Street, Southampton, SO1 0BJ.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of Glasgow

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY
Royal Maternity Hospital & Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

LECTURER IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The person appointed will be considered for Honorary Senior Registrar grading in the Hospital Service and will be expected to participate in the research and undergraduate and postgraduate teaching of the Department. Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is essential and previous research experience would be an advantage.

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University of Bristol and Bristol Health District (Teaching)

ROTATIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR

ANATOMY DEMONSTRATORS AND ACCIDENT S.H.O.

Applications are invited from medical graduates for four posts in a rotational scheme, appointments to commence on 1st August 1975.

Successful candidates will spend six months in the Department of Anatomy teaching topographical anatomy to medical students, and six months in the Accident Service at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. The appointments offer an excellent opportunity for preparations for the Primary F.R.C.S. examination and a comprehensive training in accident surgery, including neurosurgery and plastic surgery. Salary at standard S.H.O. rates in the National Health Service.

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University of Glasgow

DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The City University
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

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University of Southampton

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Trinity College

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(PORT MORESBY)

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University of Newcastle upon Tyne

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Applications, giving names of two referees should be sent to Professor J. Baddiley, FRS, Microbiological Chemistry Research Laboratory, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, not later than 3rd May, 1975.

University of Kent at Canterbury

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

LECTURER IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

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UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN
Trinity College

JUNIOR LECTURESHIP IN PHYSICS

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Bristol

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

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Detailed applications (two copies) including the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent by 1st May, 1975, to the Secretary, Senate House, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol BS8 1TD, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Please quote reference TLJ.

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SPORT

Football

Profit and loss at both ends of the table

By a Staff Reporter

Promotion and relegation issues were resumed last night as Arsenal improved their disturbing position in the first division. Norwich City moved into a promising place in the second and Crystal Palace lost ground at the top of the third in a stormy 2—1 defeat by Grimsby Town during which three players were sent off and four names were taken. But most ominous for the future of the lower section of Football League was the attendance at Southport, where only 924 people paid £320 to see their team beat Scunthorpe United 1—0.

This was Southport's lowest postwar attendance, the previous "record" being 1,081 last season when Shrewsbury were the visitors. The only goal in a depressingly drab game was scored by Johnston. Those football officials who have warned that the future of the League is in danger and that many third and fourth division clubs will not survive seemed to have their argument strengthened by this match.

Norwich City took third place in the second division as a result of a goal by MacDougall in the 70th minute against Sheffield Wednesday. He forced the ball over the line at the near post following a corner by Suggett. It was sad for Wednesday, who looked more like promotion candidates than a side destined for the third division throughout a snow-swept game.

Norwich were penned in their own half for long periods as Sheffield Wednesday created a succession of chances. Only the brilliance of Keelan, in goal, and a bad miss by Ferguson kept Wednesday out, leaving them goalless at Hillsborough for the whole of this year.

Crystal Palace's 2—1 defeat severely dented their chances of winning promotion. In the 70th minute the referee, John Hough, of Macclesfield, sent off Cannon and Whittle, of Palace, and Czuczman, of Grimsby, all three having been involved in a free for-all. The players who had their names taken were Grimsby's Lumby and Hubbard and Wall and Burns, of Palace.

The referee also spoke to both coaches for giving advice from the touchline. Swindlehurst gave Palace the lead after 55 minutes but Brown equalized 10 minutes later and Lumby headed the winning goal.

The total of players sent off in League, FA Cup and League Cup has reached 99, a record. The previous highest total was 98 in the season 1972-73.

In a poor display, West Bromwich Albion were beaten 1—0 by Bolton Wanderers who recorded their first win in nine games. The Albion captain, Wile, deflected a speculative shot from the Bolton winger, Thompson, into the net after 79 minutes for the only goal.

In a disjointed game, Albion showed little coordination and received a barracking from their supporters. Making his first appearance for Bolton, Walsh had a fine first game, showing an ability to pass accurately.

Last hope for some gives hope to all

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

If history is made at night then there is every chance of some work of noble note being done this night. I use the word "noble" more in hope than expectation as so much hangs on at least half a dozen matches that fear and nerves may be the eventual winners.

It truly is a command performance at a three ring circus. On the programme are the European Cup semi-final round (first legs)—Leeds United v Barcelona, and St Etienne, of France v Bayern Munich, the holders; the two FA Cup semi-final replays—Ipswich Town v West Ham United, at Stamford Bridge, and Birmingham City v Fulham, at Maine Road, Manchester; also three league matches that could have important consequences at the tops of the first and second divisions—Derby County v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Luton Town v Everton, and Aston Villa v Cardiff City. It is a night pregnant with possibility.

As it is not possible to be in more than one place at one time, except in spirit, the choice has to be one of priorities. In this case it is to be Leeds against Barcelona because of its wider implications. The Spaniards, bolstered by such World Cup mercenaries as Cruyff and Neeskens, both of the Netherlands, and Marinho, of Brazil, have been made 2 to 1 favourites for the trophy they have never won.

It is a taut situation indeed. Only St Etienne, two points ahead of Marseille in the French league, look prospective domestic champions. All the others, Barcelona (fourth and 15 points behind Real Madrid), Bayern Munich (thirteenth in their league), and Leeds (lying tenth in our championship) are out of the hunt in their own leagues and now realize that to contest the European Cup next season they must now win it.

To Barcelona, this tie with Leeds will be more important even than an international game. National prestige is at stake and all Spain will be behind them. To emphasize the different approach to the situation one has only to say that while Leeds have had to play 13 hard matches in the past five weeks—including that FA Cup series with Ipswich—Barcelona have cruised along quietly with four games in the past month.

On Saturday, for instance, when they lost 0—1 to Celta at Vigo, Barcelona rested Cruyff, Neeskens (injured and now with a 50-50 chance tonight), Rexach, Pina, and Asensi all with an eye on this Leeds tie. The English league is supposed to be the strongest in depth in the world and that is probably true. But facing these heavy commitments with little sympathetic help from the League administrators, no wonder only Manchester United (and Scotland's Celtic) have ever won this continental prize.

In spite of everything, however, with Hunter and Frank Gray passing fitness tests yesterday, Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds manager, remains hopeful with 59 competitive matches behind his side. He says: "I honestly believe that there is the ability and experience in this Leeds team to win tonight. I think this is a crucial game for British football from the prestige point of view, and we will have to stamp our authority on it. The Leeds team is a British one in many ways in the sense that it contains Englishmen, Scotsmen, Irishmen and Welshmen."

Asked about Don Revie, England's manager and former Leeds' leader, forecasting a 2—0 or 3—0 win for Leeds tonight, Mr Armfield said: "Mr Revie can say that when he is not manager. I will be pleased to win."

About Barcelona, Mr Armfield said: "They have the type of team that can be very good if you let them play. I am going to let them worry about us and they have plenty to worry about. I would not like to say how good Barcelona are. Obviously they have got some good players and in Cruyff and Neeskens they have world class players. The manager, Michels, too, has proved himself at world class level and one can only assume that this is going to be a very good team."

Mr Armfield stressed that no one player would be detailed to follow Cruyff. He said: "Obviously a player of his ability has got to be watched closely. We won't give him the freedom of Elland Road, but there won't be a one to one situation". Commenting on Leeds's heavy programme recently Mr Armfield said: "I don't think the players are mentally or physically exhausted. They have had tired legs, but the incentive of a European Cup semi-final will give their legs new vigour. It will also be an added incentive for a few of them because this may be their last chance in Europe, and perhaps for me as well."

Let battle commence, but let us pray there will be no repetition of Atlético Madrid's strong-arm tactics against Celtic. That we can do without.

While a 50,000 full house is roaring its head off at Elland Road, the thoughts of some of us will wander every now and then to Maine Road and Stamford Bridge. Doubtless news of events there will filter through on the radio to add spice to the night. Birmingham, having escaped against Fulham at Hillsborough last Saturday, say that they cannot play so poorly again and will be hopeful this time of stamping their first division status on a cheerful brave little Fulham side about to play their eleventh FA Cup tie of the season.

All romantics and uncommitted neutrals will surely be keeping their fingers crossed for Fulham, hoping against hope that with four losing semi-finals behind them in the past and the scalps of Hull City, Nottingham Forest, Everton and Carlisle United now on their belt they will at last reach Wembley for the first time. With Conway unfit, suffering a groin injury, they have Dowie in his place. As for Birmingham, their main doubt remains the fitness of Campbell, who suffered a painful blow on the thigh at Hillsborough.

There will be hopes, too, that Ipswich Town's gallant effort to reach Wembley for the first time with eight fit men last Saturday does not go unrewarded against a West Ham United side that signally failed to grab what the gods had to offer. Here also, fitness doubts cloud the issue. Hunter's bruised thigh, though still strapped heavily, seems to be on the mend, but Ipswich's hopes of having their dangerous centre forward, Johnson, fit for the fray look thin. Meanwhile, Beattie and Burley have recovered sufficiently to be on parade.

As for West Ham, their main problem is to get Robson to the post in time. His aggressive, attacking play will be badly needed. As Viljoen, the Ipswich midfield organizer, said after their 0—0 draw: "West Ham don't seem to have much up front. I don't think they will score against us." It is now up to Brooking, Bonds and Paddon to prove him wrong.

If one of tonight's FA Cup semi-final round replays is drawn, the third meeting will be at Arsenal on Monday, April 14 (7.30). But if both ties finish all square for a second time, Highbury will stage the Fulham v Birmingham match and Ipswich and West Ham will meet again at Coventry, both on Monday (7.30).

Fixtures today at home and abroad

European Cup, semi-finals
St Etienne v Bayern Munich (8.30).
Leeds v Barcelona (7.30).

Cup Winners' Cup, semi-finals
Ferencvaros v Red Star, Belgrade (3.30).
Dinamo Kiev v Eindhoven (5.0).

Uefa Cup, semi-final
Twente Enschede v Juventus (8.0).

FA Cup, semi-final replays
Fulham v Birmingham (Maine Road, 7.30).
West Ham v Ipswich (Stamford Bridge, 7.30).

Scottish Cup, semi-final replay
Airdrie v Motherwell (Hampden Park, 8.0).

First division
Luton v Everton (7.30).
Leicester v Middlesbrough (7.30).
Derby v Wolverhampton (7.30).

Second division
Aston Villa v Cardiff (7.30).

Third division
Brighton v Walsall (7.30).
Gillingham v Blackburn (7.30).
Tranmere v Peterborough (7.30).

Fourth division
Lincoln v Newport (7.30).
Reading v Rochdale (7.30).
Workington v Northampton (7.15).

Scottish second division
Albion R v Cowdenbeath (7.30).

ARMY CUP: Final: 8th Signal Regt v 28th Signal Regt (Aldershot 5.50).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Subsidiary Cup: Croydon v Staines Town (7.30).
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Letchworth v Ware (7.30).
RUGBY UNION: Northampton v Bath; Llanelli v Ebbw Vale (7.15); Wasps v London Welsh (6.0); Martlets v Sutton and Epsom (at Withdean, Brighton).
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Wakefield v Warrington (7.30); Widnes v Rochdale (7.30).
HOCKEY: Services championship: RAF v Royal Navy; RAF Under-22 v Royal Navy Under-22 (at Halton).

Kidd's goals put Arsenal on credit side

By Norman de Mesquita

Arsenal 2 Coventry City 0

On a night that belonged to mid-winter rather than spring, Arsenal eased themselves above Leicester City and, for the first time since August, they have scored more goals than they have conceded. A goal can make a lot of difference to a game and, Arsenal's first after 38 minutes, transformed what had hitherto been an untidy contest into something akin to a first division match.

After so much mediocrity, the goal shone like a beacon and crowned a six-man move that was started by Mancini. He found Armstrong on the left, who placed a beautifully weighted ball in the path of Nelson. His centre was headed down by Hornsby and Kidd was able to side-foot the ball gently into goal from just a couple of yards.

This at last brought the game to life and until the interval, Coventry created more chances in seven minutes than they had done in the previous 38. They should have equalized, as Ferguson, Craven and Lloyd all missed what appeared to be relatively easy chances. Having squandered those chances, Coventry found themselves two down on the hour when Kidd scored from even closer range. Once again it was Hornsby who made the final pass, this time the ball reaching him just inside the penalty area from Simpson.

Although their first goal had the desired effect of improving the game, Arsenal's second had the opposite effect and the game spent its final third slowly running down. Coventry seemed to accept that they were going to lose and Arsenal felt that they had done enough. Apart from a Matthews half-volley which Ramsbottom saved well and a 25-yard effort by Mortimer, which Rimmer saved equally well, there was little more of note.

Looking to the future, Coventry must be delighted with the development of young Ferguson, who posed all kinds of problems for Mancini, and Arsenal's Matthews is another who improves on every appearance. In the absence of the suspended Ball and McNab, Kelly and Nelson both did well and Nelson's attacking runs were well-timed.

Kelly controlled the middle of the field, particularly in the second half, and ensured that Arsenal were never in danger. But it was a game that will soon be forgotten by the 17,291 fans who braved the spring blizzards.

ARSENAL: J. Rimmer; P. Rice, S. Nelson, P. Storey, T. Mancini, P. Simpson, J. Matthews, E. Kelly, B. Hornsby, B. Kidd, G. Armstrong.

COVENTRY CITY: N. Ramsbottom; G. Oakey (sub, B. Alderson), C. Cattlin, J. Craven, L. Lloyd, A. Dugdale, D. Mortimer, J. Holmes, M. Ferguson, A. Green, T. Hutchison.

Referee: Mr M. Lowe (Sheffield).

Bayern put in danger by French outsiders

There are more current league leaders competing in the European Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup semi-final round first leg matches today and tomorrow than in the more senior European Cup. Even so, one of the most interesting ties will still be in the European Cup—that between the French champions, St Etienne, the outsiders, and the holders, Bayern Munich.

Such is the support of the St Etienne followers, who lift the team's home performances, that it would not be a surprise to see Bayern lose. St Etienne need two or three goals to weather the away match in the vast Munich Olympic stadium. They have no single player to match the talent of a Beckenbauer, but their youth, determination and ambition, allied to the support of a crowd of 40,000, could be enough to maintain an enviable home record in European football. In 11 European Cup ties at the Geoffrey Guichard Stadium, they have been beaten only once. Their victims include Rangers, Celtic, Benfica, Cagliari, Sporting Lisbon and, six years ago, Bayern.

In the Cup Winners' Cup Eindhoven will be strong opponents for Dinamo Kiev, whose coach said: "When we learned the result of the draw, we understood the hour of trial had struck. Eindhoven was one of the best and brightest representatives of modern soccer. The only way to success these days is through highly organized collective play. The more equally capable the players are and the higher their mutual understanding, the greater the chance for victory."

Eindhoven play a strong attacking game, which tends to lose its punch when confronted with a compact defence.

The Ferencvaros coach, Jeno Dalnoki, was yesterday not over-optimistic that his team would win against Red Star, Belgrade, in the other Cup Winners' Cup semi-final tie. He said: "It seems that Red Star have the better chance, but our situation certainly is not hopeless." The Hungarians will be further hampered by the fact that they cannot play their strongest team because three players are injured and another is out for disciplinary reasons.

Red Star have similar troubles. Their right winger, Jankovic, and full back, Djordjevic, are suspended. Their captain, Dzajic, the best player, was injured in the quarter-final match against Real Madrid and will not play.

The Italian leaders, Juventus, travelled in high spirits to Enschede, in the Netherlands, after their 2—1 win over Napoli in the Italian league on Sunday. But their coach, Carlo Parola, was cautious. He said: "I have been told Twente resemble Ajax, are more technical but have less penetration power. We will find a heavy pitch and poor lighting. The Dutch take advantage of dim lights to shoot from all positions. Our only advantage is that we are playing the first leg away."

Twente's coach, Spitz Kohn, who saw Juventus play Napoli said: "I had expected more of that match. Individually the Italians were very strong, but they showed poor tactics. There were enormous gaps between defence, midfield and attack. If we can take advantage of that, I am not too pessimistic. Normally we should be able to open the door to the final."

The last semi-final tie, between the German league leaders, Borussia Mönchen Gladbach and Cologne, will be played on Thursday.—Agencies.

Hudson free but Hector misses final two games

Alan Hudson, Stoke City's midfield player, is free for his club's push for the first division championship and England's game with Cyprus on April 16. He escaped suspension when he appealed at an FA disciplinary commission in Birmingham yesterday against a "booking" for a foul in a friendly with Bristol Rovers on March 7.

The three-man commission decided that the caution should be recorded, but that no further action should be taken. Evidence was given on Hudson's behalf by a Bristol player, Frank Prince, who was involved in the incident and also Bill Dodgin, Rovers' general manager.

Tony Waddington, the Stoke manager, said: "I am pleased for Hudson. It is a relief for him, the club and I hope for England manager Don Revie. As a club we do not appeal unless we feel justified. Hudson has played in highly competitive games throughout the season, but this was his third booking for nothing in a 'nothing' game.

"This is a problem with the totting up procedure. The answer might be to increase the points total needed which would catch the real villains, but protect players like Hudson and Kevin Hector."

Derby County's championship hopes had received a setback when their striker, Hector, failed in his appeal against a caution. He will be suspended for their last two games of the season, against Leicester City and Carlisle United. The commission saw a television recording of the incident during Derby's FA Cup tie with Leeds United on February 15.

Welsh for Belfast but England undecided

Although Wales have decided to play their home international football match against Northern Ireland in Belfast on May 23, it is by no means certain that England will play there this season. The Football Association of Wales yesterday announced their intention of sending a team to Windsor Park under certain conditions, but Ted Croker, the Football Association secretary, believes the Welsh may have to reconsider their decision.

Mr Croker said: "I have discussed this fully with Trevor Morris, the Welsh FA secretary, particularly the conditions they have laid down. One of the conditions was that the situation should not worsen. As their decision was taken last Friday, before the renewed trouble over the weekend, one could say that they may have to reconsider. Our main concern is to see how the situation develops in the next week and we will have a much clearer idea of the possibilities."

The FA executive committee meet next Wednesday to discuss the problem, the same day that Northern Ireland play Yugoslavia in the European Championship—their first international game on home soil since playing the Soviet Union in October, 1971. One of the conditions laid down by Wales is that the match with Yugoslavia is completed "without any non-footballing incidents".

Other conditions stipulated by Wales, the last home country to play in Belfast in May, 1971, were that present ceasefire arrangements were still in operation; satisfactory security was guaranteed at the team's hotel and at the airport; spectators should be checked on entering the ground and that the team could fly in and out of Northern Ireland on the day of the match.

A spokesman for Denis Howell, Minister for Sport, said: "Mr Howell spoke to Ted Croker about two weeks ago but his advice to the Football Association was not made public. He is very delighted at the news that Wales are going to Ireland and the minister would like to see England go as well".

Mr Morris said: "We in Wales have always been very sympathetic to the predicament of the Irish FA and indeed the Irish people. There has always been an affinity between the Welsh and the Irish and we've always wanted to resume matches since the trouble started. We decided to give a favourable response to the request from Ireland last Friday, but we had to satisfy ourselves on a few points".

Mr Morris said: "In view of the circumstances, we have laid down these conditions and reserve the right to review them before the date of the match and the Irish are happy about this." He hoped that clubs and players would be ready to play in Belfast. He said: "We shall have to wait and see what their views are. But it is interesting to note that the Irish FA have a full squad for their match on Wednesday and their players have been brought together from English clubs."

Michael Smith, the Welsh manager, said: "This is the acid test. I will be with the players for the match in Hungary next week and will discuss it with them. When I get back from Budapest I will be going round to visit managers and put them in the picture, too."

The decision by the Welsh FA was welcomed by government officials who recalled that the Northern Ireland Secretary, Merlyn Rees, recently stated his desire for important sporting events to return. It is understood that Mr Rees made personal representations to the Welsh FA in an attempt to make them change their minds about boycotting Belfast.

A senior police officer said: "This is great news. We must now keep our fingers crossed that the Yugoslavian match goes off without a hitch. If it does, all those organizations who have refused to come here during the past four years will have no excuse for maintaining their ban."

Northern Ireland's party of 16 for the match with Yugoslavia next Wednesday includes seven of the side who played in the 1—1 draw with the Soviet Union in 1971, the last game against foreign opposition at Windsor Park. They are the Tottenham goalkeeper, Jennings, Rice and Nelson (Arsenal), Hunter and Hamilton (Ipswich), O'Kane (Nottingham Forest) and Clements, the Everton midfield player, who captains the side and is acting player-manager until Northern Ireland find a replacement for Terry Neill.

Even Arsenal's manager, Bertie Mee, whose view is that international matches should not be held in Belfast at the moment, agreed to Rice and Nelson playing. The party includes one newcomer, Spence, from Bury. Spence, a striker, has scored 18 goals this season.

NORTHERN IRELAND (from): P. Jennings (Tottenham Hotspur), J. Platt (Middlesbrough), P. Rice (Arsenal), J. Craig (Newcastle), S. Nelson (Arsenal), L. O'Kane (Nottingham Forest), A. Hunter (Ipswich Town), C. Nicholl (Aston Villa), D. Clements (Everton), T. Jackson (Nottingham Forest), B. Hamilton (Ipswich Town), R. Blair (Oldham), M. O'Neill (Nottingham Forest), C. McGrath (Tottenham Hotspur), S. McIlroy (Manchester United), D. Spence (Bury).

Wednesday put a whole team up for transfer

Sheffield Wednesday, who will be relegated to the third division next season, have made almost an entire team available for transfer. Yesterday they placed on the transfer list their club captain Holsgrove, who cost £50,000 from Wolverhampton Wanderers nearly four years ago, a £35,000 striker, Joicey, the Welsh international, Rodrigues, Eustace and Shaw.

Also for sale are the goalkeepers Springett and Patison and Sunley and Thompson.

Derek Dougan, who has played his last game for Wolves, is unlikely to be a candidate for the manager's post at nearby West Bromwich. He said: "In the past couple of years I have been connected with at least a dozen clubs in respect of vacant managerial posts. But there has been no approach from the Hawthorns."

Dougan, who is 37, has been given a testimonial next season. He is chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association and will remain in that post until the annual meeting in November. He could stay on for a further period of office for a way has been found round the rule which says chairmen must be registered players.

The PFA meet in Manchester on Sunday when the matter will be discussed. "I could remain a registered player until 1976, but I will be discussing this point with our secretary, Cliff Lloyd", Dougan said.

Results of yesterday's matches and league tables

First division

Arsenal (1) 2 Coventry (0) 0
Kidd (2) (17,291)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	39	18	11	10	55	37	47
Everton	38	15	17	6	51	36	47
Stoke City	39	17	13	9	64	46	47
Derby Co	38	19	9	10	65	49	47
Ipswich	38	21	4	13	58	39	46
Middlesbrough	38	16	12	10	51	37	44
Burnley	39	16	10	13	65	63	42
Queen's Pk R	39	16	9	14	52	49	41
Sheffield Utd	37	15	11	11	48	48	41
Leeds Utd	38	14	12	12	50	42	40
Manchester C	38	16	8	14	49	52	40
West Ham	38	12	13	13	55	50	37
Wolverhampton	38	13	10	15	54	51	36
Newcastle Utd	38	14	8	16	55	68	36
Coventry C	37	10	15	12	48	57	35
Arsenal	37	12	10	15	44	[illegible]	34
Birmingham	38	13	8	17	50	55	34
Leicester	36	11	11	14	45	50	33
Chelsea	38	9	13	16	40	67	31
Tottenham	38	11	8	19	44	57	30
Carlisle Utd	39	11	4	24	42	57	26
Luton Town	38	8	10	20	37	62	26

Second division

WBA (0) 0 Bolton (0) 1
(7,037) Thompson
Sheffield W (0) 0 Norwich (0) 1
(7,485) MacDougall

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester U	39	24	8	7	[illegible]	28	56
Sunderland	37	18	11	8	62	32	47
Norwich C	38	14	12	9	50	32	38
Aston Villa	36	19	8	9	61	31	46
Bristol City	38	17	8	11	43	28	45
Blackpool	39	14	17	8	38	28	45
W Bromwich	39	16	9	14	48	39	41
Fulham	39	13	14	12	41	33	40
Hull	39	13	13	13	37	53	39
Bolton W	39	14	10	15	43	39	38
Oxford Utd	38	14	10	14	38	40	38
Southampton	38	13	10	15	47	50	36
Notts Co	39	11	14	14	44	55	36
Orient	38	9	18	11	25	38	36
York City	39	15	6	17	47	51	36
Portsmouth	39	12	11	16	41	48	35
Nottingham F	39	11	13	15	41	51	35
Oldham	39	10	15	14	40	45	35
Bristol R	39	13	9	18	38	58	35
Cardiff City	37	9	13	15	35	53	31
Millwall	39	10	10	19	40	57	30
Sheffield W	38	5	10	23	28	67	20

Third division

Grimsby (0) 2 C Palace (0) 1
Brown, Lumby Swindlehurst
(8,381)
Halifax (0) 1 Aldershot (0) 0
McHale (1,835)
Huddersfield (0) 0 Plymouth (1) 2
(2,947) Mariner (2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth	41	23	8	10	76	53	54
Blackburn R	40	20	13	7	61	41	53
Charlton	41	21	9	11	70	53	51
Crystal Palace	41	16	15	10	57	49	47
Swindon Town	42	18	11	13	[illegible]	52	47
Port Vale	41	16	14	11	53	45	46
Preston NE	41	18	8	15	55	47	44
Walsall	40	16	11	13	61	43	43
Peterborough	38	16	11	11	37	45	43
Hereford Utd	42	16	10	16	57	59	42
Wrexham	41	14	13	14	62	50	41
Colchester	40	15	11	14	61	55	41
Gillingham	40	14	12	14	58	53	40
Grimsby Town	42	14	12	16	52	60	40
Chesterfield	42	14	11	17	58	63	39
Bury	41	13	12	16	47	[illegible]	38
Halifax Town	41	12	14	15	45	60	38
Southend Utd	42	11	15	16	41	49	37
Aldershot	42	14	9	19	39	56	35
Brighton	39	13	9	17	50	60	35
Watford	40	9	16	15	45	62	34
Bournemouth	40	11	11	18	37	47	33
Huddersfield	42	10	8	24	44	72	28
Tranmere Rov	39	10	7	22	48	54	27

Fourth division

Shrewsbury (1) 3 Rotherham (0) 1
O'Loughlin, Wale
Bates
McGregor
Southport (0) 1 Scunthorpe (0) 0
Johnston (924)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mansfield Town	41	25	11	5	77	35	61
Shrewsbury T	42	25	8	9	76	40	58
Rotherham Utd	41	21	12	8	65	35	54
Lincoln City	39	18	13	8	66	38	49
Chester	41	19	11	11	56	36	49
Cambridge Utd	42	17	13	12	52	40	47
Reading	40	19	7	14	56	40	45
Newport	40	19	7	14	60	58	45
Bradford	42	16	12	14	51	43	44
Exeter City	43	17	10	15	51	55	44
Southport	41	13	16	12	49	48	42
Brentford	41	15	11	15	46	41	41
Hartlepool	41	11	[illegible]	18	44	55	31
Crewe Alex	42	11	15	16	31	45	37
Torquay	42	12	13	17	40	58	37
Barnsley	42	13	10	19	55	59	36
Northampton	40	13	8	18	60	64	35
Doncaster Rov	42	13	10	19	[illegible]	70	35
Rochdale	41	11	13	17	55	67	35
Swansea City	42	15	5	22	[illegible]	67	35
Stockport	43	11	12	19	42	67	34
Darlington	41	10	8	23	[illegible]	73	29
Workington	40	10	9	21	31	56	29
Scunthorpe Utd	41	7	14	20	39	64	28

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Margate 1, Atherstone 1; Romford 3, Stourbridge 1. First division, north: Corby 0, Cheltenham 0; Witney 1, Barry 2. South: Canterbury 5, Trowbridge 0; Gravesend 1, Waterlooville 1; Hastings 0, Andover 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton 0, Boston 1; Goole 2, Netherfield 3; Morecambe 4, Matlock 0.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING COMPETITION: Luxembourg 0, Netherlands 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Dulwich 1, Woking 7; Ilford 6, Bromley 1; Hitchin 1, Oxford City 1; Leatherhead 1, Hendon 1; Leytonstone 0, Kingstonian 1; Sutton 1, Barking 1; Walthamstow 1, Dagenham 2.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Edmonton 1, Ruislip 1; Grays 3, Hornchurch 0; Wembley 3, Cheshunt 1.

SCHOOLS FESTIVAL: Berkshire 2, Devon A 0; Kent A 3, Dorset 1; Cumbria 0, Shropshire A 0; Leicestershire 1, Greater Manchester A 0; Hertfordshire 2, Norfolk 1; Public Schools 2, Northumberland 2; Sussex 0, Lincolnshire 3, Hereford and Worcestershire 1, Bedfordshire 3; Oxfordshire 1, Merseyside B 3; Middlesex B 0, Staffordshire B 2; Somerset B 0, Essex B 2; Yorkshire B 1, Cheshire B 0; Surrey B 1, Lanarkshire B 2; Staffordshire A 3, Middlesex A 1; Humberside 4, Surrey A 1; Essex A 2, Nottinghamshire 1; Suffolk 2, Durham 2; Cambridgeshire 1, Somerset A 0; Yorkshire A 1, Warwickshire 0; Merseyside A 4, Hampshire 0; Lancashire 2, Lanarkshire A 1; Cheshire A 4, Buckinghamshire 2; Shropshire B 3, Kent B 3; Middlesex C 1, Greater Manchester B 3; Hertfordshire B 1, Devon B 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Salford 12, Leeds 3.

Golf

Why a good finish by Oosterhuis should make a difference

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Augusta, Georgia, April 8



Lee Elder, the first black competitor in the United States Masters tournament, at practice, with his caddie Henry Brown

The last golf tournament before the United States Masters, the Greensboro, which finished last weekend, was satisfactory from several points of view. It showed the winner, Tom Weiskopf, to be in form, and Weiskopf in form is not only a splendid but but also an exciting addition to the Masters which begins here on Thursday.

In addition, the three Britons playing in it as a prelude to the big tournament, performed well. Maurice Bembridge, in eighth place, came off best with Tony Jacklin four places behind him. It is a shade ironic that between them at their first United States appearance this year they should have earned not far short of Oosterhuis's total amount in the 13 tournaments he has played here since the beginning of the year.

Bembridge alone won £2,700 for the Greensboro which, whatever it lacks in style, is certainly not lacking in dollars. Oosterhuis has made about £4,000 in the United States, a level of progress hardly enough to get him into the top 60 and save himself the grind of pre-qualifying next year. A good finish here would make a deal of difference to his position and might increase his appearances in Britain which are at present likely to be restricted to the Penfold and the Open.

When a man is growing roots, as he is in this country, it is not a good idea to dig them up and look at them. Oosterhuis himself does not feel there is much wrong with his technique at the moment, but attributes his moderate showing rather to lack of concentration.

This is reflected in his pattern of scoring this year. But the cool mind is still there telling himself that a marginal improvement in scoring would mean a big improvement in position and, less important at present, earnings. Oosterhuis was out alone early for today's practice in almost lusciously green conditions.

The 210 typewriters are on parade again in a press centre the size of a hangar and elsewhere, to remind the world of the most spectacular challenge in golf. The cast does not alter greatly from year to year. The number of amateurs in the field is shrinking; this year it is down to seven, all American. At least two of them will be seen at St Andrews in the Walker Cup match next May: the reigning amateur champion, Jerome Pate, and the latest of the amateur wonder boys, Curtis Strange, a member of their winning World Cup team last year with a dazzling record at college level.

Half a dozen American professionals are competing for the first time on the strength of victories in important tournaments, and the list contains two names new to the tournament from outside the United States. Dale Hayes will join Bobby Cole, his partner in the victorious South African combination in last year's World Cup.

The second newcomer in this category is Victor Regalado, a Mexican, who turned professional in 1971 and won a tournament in the United States in his second year.

As in other parts of the world the winter has been generally mild in Georgia and there is no lack of growth. The only problem would be if more rain fell between now and the start, otherwise the standard will once again be high, with special attention having been given to tees so that they resemble putting surfaces more and more. Every year some tinkering with the course takes place in an attempt to find perfection. Thus, this time, the fairway bunker at the second has been moved 10 yards to the right, to encourage the long drive down the crescent-shaped fairway.

Washington, April 8. — John Miller still leads the United States PGA money winners with about £53,300, £5,300 more than Jack Nicklaus.

But Tom Weiskopf moved from 13th to third place by collecting about £18,800 for winning the Greater Greensboro Open on Sunday. With £37,500 he has displaced Bob Murphy.

TOP TEN: J. Miller, about £53,300; J. Nicklaus, £48,000; T. Weiskopf, £37,500; R. Murphy, £32,500; L. Trevino, £30,000; A. Geiberger, £27,000; G. Littler, £25,600; T. Kite, £25,100; H. Irwin, £25,000; J. Mahaffey, £23,800.—Reuter.

Benito out of the bunkers and into lead

Penina, April 8.—Jaime Benito, of Spain, a 41-year-old former world cup player, took the first round lead in the £15,000 Portuguese open golf championship here today with a 70, three-under-par.

The defending champion, Brian Huggett, of Britain, looked set to join the leaders, but ran up a 10 at the 10th hole after losing a ball and being trapped in a water hazard. He finished in 82.

Benito, who defeated Bernard Gallacher, of Britain, in a sudden-death play-off to win the 1973 championship, scored five birdies, but three-putted twice. A bad drive and a bunkered second cost him a six at the 17th, and he was bunkered again at the last and had to settle for a five.

Benito finished two strokes ahead of British Ryder Cup player Neil Coles. Four players shared third place on 73—Britain's John McTear, Spain's Manuel Pinero, Philippe Toussaint, of Belgium, and Hal Underwood, of the United States.

The diminutive McTear was out in 35, and after a two at the short 16th, he needed two birdie fours to tie the lead, but he, too, took six at the 17th and five at the last.

Underwood, from Houston, Texas, is playing the European circuit for the first time. Pinero and Toussaint are two of the Continent's most promising young players. Another British Ryder Cup man, Peter Townsend, had a 10 at the second and finished on 81.

70, J. Benito (Spain).
72, N. Coles (GB).
73, M. Pinero (Spain), P. Toussaint (Belgium), J. McTear (GB), H. Underwood (US).
74, R. Wynn (GB), M. Gregson (GB), J. Dowsie (GB), S. Ballesteros (Spain), P. Cracker (NZ), D. Vaughan (GB), P. Elson (GB), E. D'Arcy (GB), J. Morgan (GB).
75, B. Hunt (GB), W. Humphreys (GB), T. Horner (GB), R. Heck (GB), T. O'Toole (US), C. Pitser (US), S. Farlow (US), C. Mason (GB), D. Chillas (GB), S. Levermore (GB).

OTHER SCORES: 76, M. King (GB), P. Tupling (GB), R. Carr (Ireland), M. Coxon (GB), C. O'Connor snr (Ireland), P. Butler (GB), D. Jones (GB), V. Baker (SA), N. Job (GB), F. Boobyer (GB), S. Hobday (Rhodesia), A. Caygill (GB), M. Murphy (Ireland). 77, J. Hammond (GB), G. Burch (GB), D. Llewellyn (GB), B. Gallacher (GB), D. McClelland (GB), S. Owen (NZ), D. Clark (Australia), R. Taylor (Australia), B. Ellis (GB), C. O'Connor jnr (Ireland), I. Mosey (GB), C. Owen (NZ), D. Barnes (GB), V. Fernandez (Argentina), J. O'Leary (Ireland). 78, P. McGuiness (GB), P. Wilcock (GB), J. Garner (GB), J. Noon (GB), N. Hunt (GB), H. Jackson (GB). 79, J. Fowler (GB), G. Hunt (GB), A. Rivadeneira (Colombia), D. Ingram (GB), S. Cox (GB), D. Park (Australia), J. Newton (Australia), T. Horton (GB), J. Nutter (GB).—Reuter.

Rugby Union

Williams to keep date in spite of jaw injury

John Williams has a hairline fracture of the jaw, but he still makes his place at full back for London Welsh against Wasps at Sudbury this evening, starting at 6.0. Williams was injured against Newport during the Easter tour of Wales, and discovered the fracture through an X-ray examination.

Shanklin, a centre three-quarter, returns to the side after a long absence because of injury and Robert Phillips is at stand-off half in place of Griffiths, who dislocated a shoulder against Swansea. Kabo, at flank forward, comes in for his second senior appearance.

Gifford returns as scrum half to the Coventry team for the first time in three months for the match against Nuneaton. Gifford replaces Grimshaw in the line-up, which shows seven changes from the side beaten at Bedford on Saturday in the semi-final round of the knockout competition. Barnwell, Wardlow and Coulthard return as three-quarters and Walker come into the pack.

Peter Warfield, the Cambridge University centre three-quarter, has withdrawn from England's rugby tour of Australia in May and June. Warfield, a theology student, is taking examinations. His place will be taken by Peter Preece, of Coventry.

Richmond field the team that won the Middlesex seven-a-side tournament last season when they play as a guest side on Saturday in the Melrose sevens. This means that Maxwell and Bucknall will not be available for the match at Nottingham on the same day and, in a reshuffled three-quarter line and back row their places are taken by Waugh and Greenwood.

London Scottish meet the Lancashire club, Orrell, for the first time at the Athletic Ground. London Scottish beat Orrell in the semi-final round of the national knockout competition in Lancashire last year and the hospitality received encouraged an invitation to play at Richmond this season. London Scottish will have Steele back on the wing and Friell in the centre but Lawson is not available so Crerar will be at scrum half. Mcharg, who was not available last week, resumes at lock.

Rosslyn Park will field 14 of their successful knockout team when they meet Harlequins at Roehampton. The odd man out is McKay who is attending a wedding and is replaced by Hooke, a wing three-quarter. Claxton, the Harlequins prop forward, has a serious neck injury and misses the match. Thomas, who played earlier in the season, takes his place.

The New Zealand lock, Whiting, is back in London for a short time. He has been in South Africa with his club side, Ponsonby, and played 10 matches in four weeks, most of them in temperatures above 100 degrees. He has a knee injury but may play for Harlequins on Saturday week.

Vinter returns to the Saracens centre for the visit to Coventry. He missed last week's game because of bruised ribs and Croydon took his place.

David Protherough is retiring from rugby at the end of the season. The 34-year-old hooker joined Moseley from Cheltenham three seasons ago and will play his last game for the club against Cheltenham on Saturday week.

Protherough is giving up teaching to take over a small-holding in Gloucestershire. This season, he displaced the former England captain, Pullin, in the Gloucestershire team, who went on to win the county championship.

Cricket

Boycott to be sponsored

Geoffrey Boycott, the Yorkshire cricket captain, is to be sponsored this season by National Breakdown of Bradford, a car recovery organization, to the tune of £1 a run. The money was originally offered to Boycott himself, but he has asked that it should be given to a charity of his choice.

His reasons are mainly altruistic, for he feels that the £20,000 he received from his benefit is ample reward for his efforts across the years; but he would, of course, have been placed in an invidious position, particularly as captain, when a declaration was evident and he was at the wicket.

The name of the charity has not been disclosed, but it is said to be supported by a galaxy of distinguished people in public life. It is probable that the public will be invited to join in the sponsorship at a penny a run, in which case the charity could benefit by as much as £20,000, according to a spokesman for National Breakdown.

Worcestershire officials are unhappy about Ron Headley's proposed move to Derbyshire to play one-day cricket. Headley left Worcestershire at the end of last season for business reasons.

Jack Roberts, the county chairman, said yesterday: "We are not openly objecting to Headley's special registration but we are not very happy about it for the good of cricket. If a chap can just play up and clear off to another county there is really nothing we can do about it. But we have put our view in front of the Test and County Cricket Board and it is now up to them to decide whether we have acted fairly."

The testimonal for Hampshire's 40-year-old all-rounder, Peter Sainsbury, last year realized £8,843.

McFarland may return

Derby County's game against Wolverhampton Wanderers tonight at the Baseball Ground may see the return to the first division of the England centre half, Roy McFarland, after being out for 10 months through injury. With full back Nish still described as doubtful the manager, David Mackay, confirmed there was a chance McFarland may make his comeback but, he added: "I won't make a final decision until the last possible moment."

Tennis

Miss Wade third in US prize money standing

New York, April 8.—Virginia Wade, of Britain, remains third in the United States women's prize money standings after the completion of the Virginia Slims tour in Los Angeles during the weekend.

Miss Wade, who finished third in the tournament, has won about £29,600. Christine Evert, the winner of the tournament, has earned £50,500, and Martina Navratilova, of Czechoslovakia, whom the American defeated in the final, is second with £40,200.

STANDINGS: 1, Miss C. M. Evert (US), £50,500; 2, Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia), £40,200; 3, Miss S. V. Wade (GB), £29,600; 4, Mrs B. M. Court (Australia), £21,800; 5, Miss E. F. Goolagong (Australia), £21,700; 6, Mrs L. W. King (US), £16,100; 7, Miss F. Durr (France), £13,300; 8, Miss B. F. Stove (Netherlands), £13,000; 9, Mrs O. Morozova (USSR), £12,990; 10, Miss M. J. Holdman (US), £11,250.—Reuter.

ST LOUIS: R. Emerson beat O. Bengtson, 7—5, 6—3; R. Tanner beat T. Kakulia, 6—1, 6—3; B. Fairlie beat V. Amaya, 6—3, 6—0; R. Maud beat M. Cahill, 6—2, 6—4; A. Stone beat I. el Shafei, 6—4, 5—4; A. Metreveli beat G. Masters, 7—5, 6—3; R. Ruffels beat R. Buchholz, 6—3, 7—6.

BARCELONA: M. Orantes (Spain) beat J. Pinto (Chile), 6—3, 6—3; N. Spear (Yugoslavia) beat R. Benavides (Bolivia), 6—1, 4—6, 6—1; J. Gisbert (Spain) beat J.-B. Chanfreau (France), 6—3, 6—3; E. Mandarino (Brazil) beat H. Fischenbroich (W Germany), 6—2, 1—6, 6—4.

Cricket

GEORGETOWN: Trinidad 303 (B. D. Julien 77, L. R. Gomes 64; K. Cameron 4 for 83, S. Matthews 4 for 85) and 208 (Gomes 76, D. L. Murray 67; Matthews 3 for 38); Guyana 313 (L. Baichan 111, R. C. Fredericks 91, R. C. Collymore 71; R. Jumadeen 5 for 118) and 101 for none (Fredericks 74). Guyana won by 10 wickets.

ST JOHN'S: Jamaica 348 (M. C. L. Foster 78, H. Chang 50; A. M. E. Roberts 6 for 43) and 193 for 2 (D. M. Lewis 62 not out, L. G. Rowe 63, J. Dujon 58 not out); Combined Windward and Leeward Islands 405 (I. V. A. Richards 101, I. M. Shillingford 85, M. T. Findlay 46 not out). Match drawn.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 1 (14 innings); Montreal Expos 3, St Louis Cardinals 5; Houston Astros 6, Atlanta Braves 2. AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 3, Kansas City Royals 2.

Ice hockey

MUNICH: World championship: Soviet Union 5, Czechoslovakia 2.

Billiards

MIDDLESBROUGH: English amateur championship: semi-final round: M. Dagley (Earl Shilton) beat G. M. Wright (Skegness), 3,661—1,653.

Hockey

RAMSGATE: Southern Counties tournament (Schools): London 1, Surrey 0; Suffolk 1, Hampshire 1; Cambridge 3, Kent "B" 1; Buckinghamshire 1, Surrey 0; Kent "A" 4, Suffolk 0; Berkshire 2, Hampshire 0.

CORK: Schoolboys' international tournament: Ireland 3, Wales 1; England 2, Scotland 0; Ireland 3, Scotland 0; Wales 2, England 1. Overall: Ireland 4pts; England 2; Wales 2; Scotland 0.

Skiing

MYRKOFEM: Women's special slalom: 1, D. Debernard (France), 1min 32.65sec; 2, C. Giordani (Italy), 1:32.70; 3, M. Mandrillon (France), 1:33.12; 4, M. Kaserer (Austria), 1:33.38; 5, R. Mittermaier (W Germany), 1:33.37; 6, M. Jaeger (Switzerland), 1:34.62.

Racing

Sea Break will not be risked if Phoenix Park going is heavy

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Sea Bird I the great French racehorse whose brilliant victories in the Derby and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe 10 years ago made the flat racing season of 1965 so memorable, may be dead but his name lingers on. Allez France, his brilliant daughter, is still around as I mentioned yesterday, and now in addition to her there is the colt, Sea Break, to remind us constantly of him this summer.

Gyr was the last colt by Sea Bird to really arouse a stir in Europe. But as things turned out, had the misfortune to be foaled in the same year as Nijinsky. Time alone will tell whether or not Sea Break was unlucky to have been born in the same year as Nijinsky's son, Green Dancer, or Grundy or that matter. What is clear already is that Sea Break is a colt whose name will be very much on our lips during the months ahead, a colt of infinite promise.

His reappearance at Phoenix Park on Saturday is eagerly awaited. His trainer Stuart Murless, has said that I will look at the ground carefully before he makes up his mind. He does not want to risk Sea Break on heavy ground. And yesterday our Irish correspondent told me that the presence in the field of the other distinguished Irish colt, Steel Heart, is also dependent on the ground not being too soft. There is a drying wind there yesterday, but as we know only too well the weather has been distinctly fickle lately.

In all, there were nine acceptors for Sea Break's race, the Vauxhall Stakes, at yesterday's four-day forfeit stage. It will be a fascinating race if they all go to post. Sea Break finished second in the Observer Gold Cup, and Steel Heart won the Gimcrack Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes.

After the big two, the most notable of the other acceptors are Niizen, a dapper little Habitat colt, who won three races for Vincent O'Brien last year; and Ha..., reputed to be Kevin Prendergast's best three-year-old colt; Royal Heir, an unraced Royal Palace colt trained by Kevin's brother, Paddy, who has always spoken highly of this horse; and ...s-Gloire, another colt by Royal Palace, who won twice for Seamus McGrath last year.

Murless is adamant that Sea Break is by far the best horse that he has ever trained, a colt blessed with sufficient speed to win over five furlongs even though he boasts a stayer's pedigree. That, some will say, is the hallmark of a good colt. Murless also says that Sea Break has a marvellous temperament, one of the characteristics of his grand dam, Madame Caroline, whom he also trained.

The credit for Sea Break's breeding must go to the Engelhards' racing manager, David McCall, who told me once that he always had great faith in Sea Bird as a stallion, a belief that has already been borne out by such as Allez France, Gyr, Dubassoff and Little Current. The last-named won the Belmont Stakes and the Preakness Stakes last year, the last two legs of the American triple crown. Sea Break's dam, Co-optimist, belonged to the late John Engelhard, and was sold only because his widow, Jane, decided to trim her family's racing interests considerably.

Obviously, the weather in Ireland this spring has been no better than it has been in England, where those faced with the task of preparing horses for the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas, have had a singularly frustrating time. The going has certainly been tough here at home. From every quarter I have heard the same sorry tale of rain, snow and sleet resulting in waterlogged gallops. And, to make matters worse, the two classic trials scheduled to take place at Ascot on Saturday have both succumbed to the weather.

So, with the first two classics due in three weeks, time is getting short. One man feeling distinctly frustrated is Barry Hills, who is anxious to try out his Guineas hope, Dial-a-Lad, in public before committing himself. And, as far as Dial-a-Lad is concerned, the big snag is his hatred of soft ground. Gallops with the Middle Park Stakes runner-up, Royal Manacle, not only last autumn but also this year, have left Hills in no doubt that Dial-a-Lad is good. However, he is understandably anxious to avoid a repeat performance of his one bitterly disappointing race last autumn when he was all at sea in the soft ground.

Granted good ground Hills is convinced that he will have the last laugh and that Dial-a-Lad will be seen in a bright light, although both he and Lester Piggott, who has ridden him at home, admit that he could turn out to be a sprinter, pure and simple. Dial-a-Lad is unquestionably handsome. I saw him in his box on Monday evening and he does take the eye.

Dibidale, the stable's proven star, has never looked better. Having not seen her since December, when she was still laid up following the injury which curtailed her season and prevented Hills from training her for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, I noticed the difference.

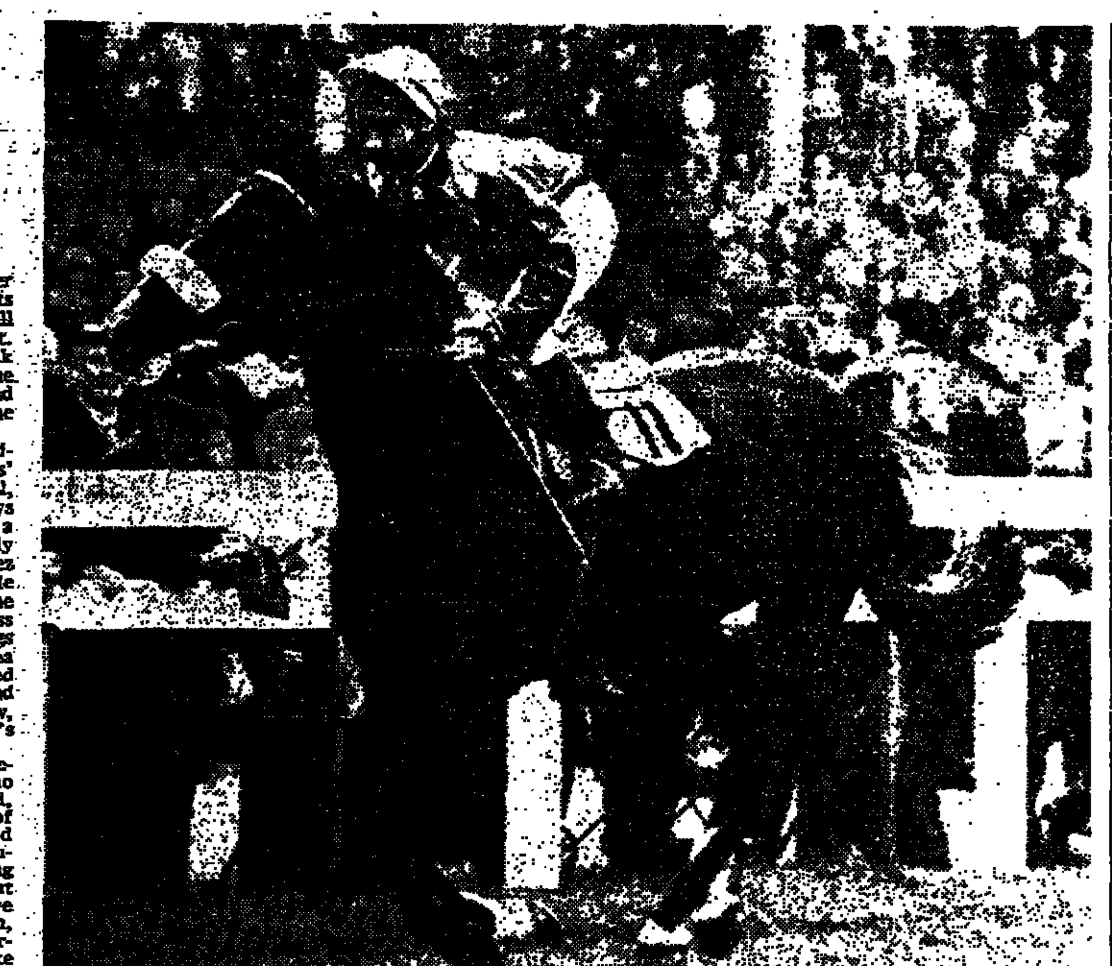
But this has been a wretched spring in which to train fillies and, reluctantly, Hills has come to the conclusion that the John Porter Stakes, which was to have been her first race, will come too soon. Dibidale is now much more likely to reappear at Newmarket on May 2, when the Jockey Club Stakes will be the first race of her four-year-old career, a career that her trainer still hopes will end with a victory in the Arc, a race that he has won once already with Rheingold.

Hills has never backed down from saying that Dibidale's work at home last year was every bit as good as Rheingold's in his heyday. Indeed, it was a spectacular gallop one Sunday morning at Kempton Park that convinced him that only an act of God would prevent Dibidale from winning the Oaks. And when on the big day itself Dibidale shed her weight cloth after her saddle had slipped, Hills was justified in thinking that fate had dealt him a bad hand. Fortunately victory in the Irish Oaks was to be the consolation prize that came his way, and anyone who saw Dibidale win that day could not have failed to be impressed.

Finally, I gather that arrangements are in the pipeline to run the good Italian filly, Carnauba, in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury. Her trainer, Luigi Turner, originally intended to run her in the 1,000 Guineas Trial at Ascot, but that race has been lost. Carnauba is engaged in the 1,000 Guineas and her presence at Newbury will add yet more spice to a race that is beginning to look very savoury indeed. Carnauba won four of her six races in Italy last year when she was rated the best two-year-old filly there. Her victory in the Primio Chiusura in which she defeated the talented English miler, Pitcairn, by a length and a half, was a particularly meritorious performance.

The French filly, Delmora, despite her poor showing when third in the Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte last week has been well backed with Corals at 10-1 to 8-1 for the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 1. They now bet: 7-2 Cry of Truth, 6-1 Broadway Dancer, 8-1 Delmora, One Over Parr.

Michael Dickinson expects to be out of action for about a fortnight. The arm he broke in a fall at Wetherby has been put back in plaster. Harry Orde-Powlett, an amateur rider is in Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, with head and back injuries after being thrown from a horse on Monday.



Sea Break: fine tempered colt with the pedigree of a stayer and the pace of a sprinter.

STATE OF GOING (official): Ludlow: Soft. Tomorrow: Ascot: Hurdles course, soft; steeplechase, soft.

Durr benefits from Ives's ill wind

At a snow-swept Wolverhampton yesterday, where racing went ahead after a morning inspection, the going was officially changed to heavy. Trainers were allowed to withdraw runners without penalty, and all races were started by flag.

The Lambourn trainer, Barry Hills, with one runner, Doubleglow, unplaced in the Crown Plus Two Apprentice Championship race, sid: "This is bad, but it is not dangerous". Hills said that his home gallops are in bad condition.

The apprentice race went to another Lambourn trainer, Reg Akehurst, whose Ballad Singer won by eight lengths for 17-year-old Rodney Millman, putting up 2 lb overweight. Rodney, who joined Akehurst in August 1972, was riding his fourth winner.

Another easy winner was Last Orders for Monty Stevens, who put up Philip Waldron, on whom he has second claim this season, in the Shifnal Handicap. Last Orders, who earned his winter keep with three hurdle wins, completely reversed recent Warwick form with Supergrey when scoring by 10 lengths.

Supergrey had been made favourite to complete a double for 49-year-old Frank Durr, who deputized for Tony Ives, on Maris Piper, the all-the-way winner of the Bourton Maiden Plate, which was run in a snow storm. The colt's trainer, Reg Hollinshead, said: "Ives went to East Africa and rode a winner at the Kenya Derby meeting. He was due back in London at 8 am, and I booked Durr when he did not arrive". Ives arrived in time to ride in the last race, his aircraft having been delayed by headwinds.

The easiest winner of the day was Britain's most travelled horse of 1975—Horseguards. This Arundel colt has travelled 2,700 miles in winning races at Cagnes-sur-Mer, Doncaster and Dunstall Park.

It will be over 3,000 miles by the time this easy winner of the Much Wenlock Handicap goes to Chepstow next week to carry a 7lb penalty. Ron Hutchinson had an easy ride on Horseguards, who brought Dunlop's total for the year to 17—seven in England, seven in France, and three in Italy.

Joe Mercer, deputizing for Paul Cook, who had influenza made all the running to win the Ironbridge Maiden Plate by 10 lengths on Sicasanta, who completed a Wolverhampton double for the trainer, Peter Cundell, successful on the first day with The Happy Hooker. Nicholas Vigors got off the mark for the season in the seller with his wife's Native King, ridden by David Atkinson.

William Blenkinsopp, a former flat race apprentice, saw his colours carried to victory in the Quarry Selling Handicap at Hamilton yesterday by Devil's Passage and picked up a 38-1 tote place dividend on his 12-1 starting price winner.

Devil's Passage, trained at Ferryhill by "Taffy" Williams was powerfully ridden by Stewart Webster, who urged his mount into the lead inside the final furlong to win by threequarters of a length. Williams, with 25 horses on the flat this season, expects to move into a new yard adjoining York racecourse within the next six weeks.

Wheatclose, who became the first winner of four races on the flat this season when he defied a 7lb penalty in the Auchinraith Apprentice Handicap, will try to keep his unbeaten record intact this season at Nottingham on Monday.

Tommy Walsh, aged 19, rates the son of Highland Melody the best horse he has ridden. Wheatclose, who made all the running, took the long way round the bends, as the trainer, Michael Easterby, instructed Walsh to take the better ground. Easterby has now had 10 winners this season.

Eric Collingwood got off the mark for the season when Keith's Fridge, the 6-4 favourite, took up the running below the distance from the early leader, Argent Soleil, and went on to take the Dechmont Plate by threequarters of a length. Keith's Fridge was troubled by the virus last season, but his trainer has a high regard for him. "There is plenty of improvement in him this season", Collingwood said.

Tommy Fairhurst, who suffered a setback when his horse box carrying Scarlet Castle and Liberty Light was involved in an accident on its way to Ayr on Tuesday, saw his Sunsoon score a convincing three-length victory in the Middleward Stakes Handicap. Ernie Johnson, who rode the winner, was not too quickly out of the stalls, but urged his mount into the lead below the distance.

Fifth course win for Curlew River

Fontwell Park has a reputation for course specialists and Curlew River showed that he was one of them by winning the Beaumont Cup from start to finish yesterday. Five of Curlew River's six wins have been on this tight figure-of-eight track and Ken Ivory, his trainer, gave an additional tip for his charge.

"The thinner he is the better he runs", said Ivory, who found that Curlew River is at his peak when stripped of every superfluous ounce, after he bought him privately three years ago for 1,500 guineas.

"Curlew River has been point-to-pointing and lost interest in racing. So I gave him a long holiday and then discovered he needed a tremendous amount of work. The more the weight came off the better he went, that was the secret", said Ivory. Looking like a greyhound, Curlew River set off in front and splendidly ridden by Christopher King, romped home 12 lengths clear of Prince Reynard.

The number 13 has played an important part in the racing career of Iain Macgregor, whose Willow Hound made light of a Newton Abbot penalty by beating Valuable Coin with half a dozen lengths to spare in the Joe Coral Handicap Hurdle. "I have been an owner for 13 years. Willow Hound is the thirteenth horse to carry my colours, and until this victory I'd had 13 winners. I'm off that mark at last", said Mr Macgregor.

Together with Catherine Star, Willow Hound gave Mrs Ann Finch her first success in her first season when they achieved a double at the West Country meeting over Easter.

Jeremy Glover was having his first mount since Beau Bob was a fatal casualty in last Saturday's Grand National then Ceol-Na-Mara, beating off a challenge by Half Holiday three fences from home, won the first division of the Flansham Novices' Steeplechase, with 10 lengths to spare. Ceol-Na-Mara was the forty-fifth winner of the season for Stan Mellor, who said: "I wish some horses had this fellow's heart, he is no world beater, but has terrific guts."

Ceol-Na-Mara now has three steeplechase wins to add to four successes as a hurdler.

The former champion, Bob Davies reached the 50-mark when, after making all the running, Persian Camp held off the Mellor-trained Mexican Frolic by a length in the second division of this event. "I was not worried by the opposition, but by the going. I knew Persian Camp would hate it, but he did it all right," said Frank Cundell. Persian Camp is owned by Mrs Monica Arnold, who had several smart jumpers, headed by the Hennessy Gold Cup winner, Border Mask, with the late Peter Cazalet.

Colin Bowen, who left Miss Auriole Sinclair four weeks ago to join Ben Wise's stable, made a good start for his new employer when getting the 20-1 chance Heswall home by half a length from another long shot Blue River Wonder, in the Nyton Handicap Hurdle.

Ludlow programme

2.0 LONGMYND HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m 1f 30yd)

31 Mastr H (W. Davies), M. Oliver, 6-12-0 ..... P. Blacker
001130 Pacol Darling (Miss Blackall), P. Milner, 6-12-0 ..... —
000010 Ray of Light (CD) (R. Moore), P. Bevan, 6-12-0 ..... R. Weaver
02302 Bills Bounty (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 6-11-7 ..... R. Hyett
0 Buccaner II (V. Davies), M. Scudamore, 7-11-7 ..... P. Duggins 7
040 Bushman (J. Nicholson), D. Nicholson, 5-11-7 ..... J. Suthern
0rp Funchi (P. Clow), R. Peacock, 6-11-7 ..... P. Crank
10-000 Gaykart (Mrs Felgate), P. Felgate, 8-11-7 ..... Mr Felgate 7
00-00 Golden Dove (T. Rossiter), Rossiter, 7-11-7 ..... D. Sunderland
00-0 Kilamer (M. Pipe), Pipe, 8-11-7 ..... L. Lungo
0300-0 King George (Mrs Cobb), P. Walwyn, 6-11-7 ..... W. Smith
0-0p40 Meteore (M. Reid), Reid, 6-11-7 ..... H. Evans 5
04030 Noirmut Point (E. Thornton), J. Old, 7-11-7 ..... C. Candy
p00-00 Precias Pal (J. Bower), Bower, 7-11-7 ..... —
30033 Thankyouverymuch (Mrs Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 6-11-7 ..... S. A. Taylor
00230 Thomas Edward (P. Taylor), M. McCourt, 6-11-7 ..... A. Varey 7
0p0 Wayward Winifred (J. Carden), G. Owen, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Carden 7
Woodstock Rambler (R. Lloyd), Lloyd, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Lloyd 7

11-1 Master H, 5-1 Thankyouverymuch, 13-2 Noirmout Point, 7-1 King George, 8-1 Bills Bounty, 9-1 Gaykart, 10-1 Bushman, Ray of Light, 12-1 Thomas Edward, 16-1 others.

2.30 CHAE MEREDITH STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £374: 3m)

2 Air General (M. Thorne), Thorne, 6-12-7 ..... Mr King 7
up- Hawaiian Maiden (H. Wakeham), Wakeham, 6-12-7 ..... Mr Wakeham 7
31-131 Indian Brite (Mrs Shaw), B. Shaw, 9-12-7 ..... Mr Wilson
01p-114 King's Favourite (CD) (A. Wates), Wates, 8-12-7 ..... Mr Wates 5
11 Ptarmigan III (F. Gilman), Gilman, 13-12-7 ..... Mr Saunders
231- Border Song (J. Bealby), Bealby, 12-12-0 ..... Mr Gray 5
10-0 Merchant Banker (T. Holland-Martin), T. H-Martin, 8-12-0 ..... Mr Holland-Martin 5
p1200-p Summerstream (J. Matthews), Matthews, 11-12-0 ..... Mr Andrews 7
pf Bachelor Prince (Mrs Gittins), H. Gittins, 11-11-7 ..... Mr Wilkins 7
4222 Big Cat (C. Bulteley), Bulteley, 9-11-7 ..... Mr Hobbs 7
u0u0 Cassius (..... Harris), Harris, 8-11-7 ..... Mr Harris 7
21p-u4f Joed (P. Matthews), I. Dudgeon, 8-11-7 ..... Maj Shaw 5
uu Just Jake (V. Bishop), Bishop, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Crozier 7
u Nowsbury (Mrs Nash), T. Forster, 7-11-7 ..... —
034-uuf Star of Tyne (J. Carden), Carden, 7-11-7 ..... Mr Carden 7
uu22-0 Weather Promiting (M. Pipe), Pipe, 10-11-7 ..... Mr Reeves 5

5-2 Merchant Banker, 100-30 King's Favourite, 9-2 Ptarmigan III, 6-1 Indian Brite, 8-1 Big Cat, 10-1 Air General, 14-1 Just Jake, 16-1 Border Song, 20-1 others.

3.0 HENLEYHALL HURDLE (Handicap: £816: 2m 1f 30yd)

414300 Perambulator (Mrs Meats), D. Barons, 6-12-4 ..... V. Soane
0-1100 Apple of My Eye (Mrs Bellamy), P. Cundell, 6-11-1 ..... L. Griffiths 5
1-14ff Gibon (Mrs Dewhurst), F. Winter, 6-10-12 ..... R. Pitman
10422-0 Treonall (J. Clay), Clay, 9-10-10 ..... M. Salaman
p0 Treador (R. Murphy), Murphy, 6-10-10 ..... R. F. Davies
30-0043 Gunners How (M. Vigors), D. Gandolfo, 7-10-9 ..... P. Barton 5
(022h2 Cole Abbey (A. Bray), A. Jarvis, 6-10-5 ..... S. A. Taylor
42110- Mark's Boy (Dr A. Jones), A. Jones, 8-10-0 ..... P. Steel 7
030402 Wagged Dagger (Mrs Brown), J. Old, 6-10-0 ..... C. Candy
000332 Space Project Loon (R. Brown), Brown, 5-10-0 ..... R. Hyett

5-2 Perambulator, 4-1 Gunners How, 5-1 Apple of My Eye, 13-2 Mark's Boy, 8-1 Space Project Loon, 10-1 Coole Abbey, 16-1 others.

3.30 LONGMYND HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 1f 30yd)

40-0 Adatic (R. Smith), P. Kearney, 8-11-7 ..... R. Mangan 7
0-u0000 Anais Whisper (V. Wilson), N. Hall, 6-11-7 ..... I. Watkinson
p30 Assuryre (A. Cure), G. Cure, 9-11-7 ..... Mr Woolley 5
034-0u0 Autumn Flight (A. Biggs), R. Wall, 6-11-7 ..... J. Marshall 5
220002 Cochineal (Mrs White), T. Forster, 7-11-7 ..... G. Thorner
0000f0 Dav's Choice (Admin of late P. Travell), J. Old, 6-11-7 ..... C. Candy
04-020u Denhills (R. Olide), D. Gandolfo, 7-11-7 ..... J. Haine
p0f-0 GayTony (Mrs Felgate), P. Felgate, 8-11-7 ..... Mr Felgate 7
00 Heather's Son (R. Brown), Brown, 8-11-7 ..... A. Mawson
00 Heywood's Signal (R. Coles), L. Small, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Hobbs 7
Juraug (L. Barratt), Barratt, 7-11-7 ..... P. Anderson 7
31f000 Markarajah (A. Stevens), D. Ancil, 6-11-7 ..... D. Sunderland
000 Mirador (D. Lewis), D. H. Jones, 7-11-7 ..... M. Salaman
040044 Peggy W (M. Low), Low, 5-11-7 ..... Mr Jones 7
0-0 Plazmo (Mrs Hubbard), D. Barons, 6-11-7 ..... S. May
p0 Red Riding (R. Morris), Morris, 7-11-7 ..... R. Dickin 5
243013 Ross Royal (G. Ungford), J. Peacock, 7-11-7 ..... D. Cartwright
1p0f-p0 Toppa Brown (R. Murphy), Murphy, 7-11-7 ..... R. F. Davies
23-f Wayward Scot (Ms Stein), F. Winter, 6-11-7 ..... J. Francome
f Weather Flash (Ms Nash), T. Forster, 6-11-7 ..... —

7-4 Wayward Scot, 7-2 Cochineal, 6-1 Ross Royal, 8-1 Peggy W, 9-1 Denhills, 11-1 Markarajah, Davs Choice, 14-1 others.

4.0 BITTERLEY STEEPLECHASE (Novices handicap: £408: 2m)

21f11f King's Swings (D) (Mrs Vernon), J. Berry, 6-11-8 ..... Mr Gray 5
1-3021f Mickey Mouse (CD) (Mrs Price), T. Forster, 6-11-6 ..... G. Thorner
3-f431f Hunter's Morn (D) (G. Small), G. Small, 9-11-2 ..... P. Warner
1pf/03 Isle of Wight (L. Stevens), D. Barons, 7-10-12 ..... S. May
0/4030 Cartwheel (R. Dill), Dill, 9-10-7 ..... A. Webber
18 4p042p Cango (D. Livermoore), P. Upton, 6-10-4 ..... V. Soane
20 4-41144 Kelly's Hero (D) (P. Wates), A. Wates, 7-10-4 ..... G. Read
21 004423 Prehistoric (D. Le Mare), D. McCain, 7-10-0 ..... M. Blackshaw
24 3ff-300 Astrojet (R. C. Price), Price, 12-10-0 ..... Mr Lloyd 7
25 30200b Shavington (Miss Sherrington), Sherrington, 7-10-0 ..... C. Astbury
26 300044 Top Score (F. Hawkins), M. Tate, 6-10-0 ..... H. Evans 5

3-1 Prehistoric, 9-2 Kelly's Hero, 5-1 Mickey Mouse, 13-2 King's Savings, 8-1 Hunter's Morn, 10-1 Top Score, Cango, 12-1 Isle of Wight, 16-1 Cartwheel, 25-1 others.

4.30 ASTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 2½m)

2 313-ppp Smokeless (C) (Exors of late Mrs Prior), D. Ancil, 7-12-0 ..... D. Sunderland
6 0-04042 Trump Card (Lord Leverhulme), G. Owen, 6-11-7 ..... T. Stack
9 010214 March Rite (W. Caudwell), D. Gandolfo, 6-11-3 ..... P. Barton 5
10 10-p103 Duffy (M. Dawes), S. Davenport, 10-11-3 ..... —
11 p000-fp Chief of Staff (CD) (Mrs Yarnold), T. Yarnold, 11-11-1 ..... C. Jones 7
12 302040- Fine Avon (G. Hutsby), Hutsby, 7-11-1 ..... B. R. Davies
13 021303 Full Board (B. Boultwood), E. Morgan, 7-11-0 ..... R. Crank
14 10ppp4 Spring Day (D) (M. Small), G. Small, 9-10-13 ..... J. Francome
15 4p221f Crimson Clip (Mrs Banks), M. Banks, 10-10-13 ..... R. Griffin 3
16 0p4200 Ranger (S. Retter), D. Barons, 10-10-13 ..... S. May
17 u0023 Diamond (CD) (G. Goodman), J. Spearing, 10-10-12 ..... D. Smith 7
20 fu402b Moonee River (Mrs Selwyn), D. Nicholson, 7-10-7 ..... R. Dickin 5
24 00422p Senior Wrangler (J. Charlton), C. Fox, 8-10-4 ..... P. Warner
27 0-00003 King Penny (P. Horton), Horton, 13-10-0 ..... Mr Jones 5
29 01-0003 Another Lad (Mrs Amey), D. Gandolfo, 9-10-0 ..... G. Thorner
30 -pp Mick's Worry (R. Cooper), M. Tate, 9-10-0 ..... H. Evans 5
31 0003p Forest of Wychwood (Mrs Barnett), Mrs Barnett, 6-10-0 ..... Mr Barnett 7
32 0033uf Islesmede (J. Baker), R. Clay, 7-10-0 ..... J. T. Bourke
33 u-fpf Vicky Joe II (H. Wakeham), Wakeham, 8-10-0 ..... Mr Wakeham 7

7-2 Moonee River, 9-2 Trump Card, 5-1 Crimson Clip, 13-2 March Rite, 10-1 Full Board, Another Lad, 14-1 Spring Day, Senior Wrangler, 16-1 Diamond, Duffy, 20-1 others.

5.0 LONGMYND HURDLE (Div III: Novices: £306: 2m 1f 30yd)

3 f2 Agrostis (J. Joseph), W. Stephenson, 7-11-7 ..... M. Gifford
5 003002 Blabbermouth (Mrs Banks), M. McCourt, 6-11-7 ..... K. White
6 000-000 Bob (Mrs Nicholson), D. Nicholson, 8-11-7 ..... N. Laverock 7
7 322000 Brave Loot (R. David), D. McCain, 7-11-7 ..... M. Blackshaw
8 4-p0000 Christmas Chorus (Mrs Roberts), D. Barons, 6-11-7 ..... V. Soane
9 p0003 Frockham Brae (R. Bradley), P. Felgate, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Felgate 7
10 0-r0ff Gold Seal (D. Livermore), P. Upton, 6-11-7 ..... P. Blacker
11 00-00p0 Joint Affair (J. Bower), Bower, 6-11-7 ..... J. Suthern
12 0000 Joint Endeavour (R. Edwards), J. Edwards, 6-11-7 ..... T. Stack
13 300-004 Moneyman (R. Page), Page, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Page 7
14 00-02 Palacelli (W. Haine), J. Haine, 6-11-7 ..... J. Haine
15 Rebel Band (C. Shewright), T. Forster, 6-11-7 ..... G. Thorner
16 p42- Rumquest (E. Pike), J. Old, 6-11-7 ..... C. Candy
17 400- Safety Catch (Mrs Hughes), H. Payne, 6-11-7 ..... J. Francome
18 0003 Sally W (M. Low), Low, 7-11-7 ..... Mr Jones 5
20 0030-p0 Soshezmine (E. Roberts), Roberts, 6-11-7 ..... Mr Jenks 5
21 p- Uniboy (Miss Belchem), R. Wall, 8-11-7 ..... J. Marshall 5

100-30 Palacelli, 4-1 Agrostis, 5-1 Safety Catch, 8-1 Frockham Brae, Rebel Band, 10-1 Rumquest, 12-1 Moneyman, 14-1 Blabbermouth, 16-1 Sally W, Christmas Chorus, 20-1 others.

Ludlow selections

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2.0 Bushman. 2.30 Merchant Banker. 3.0 Apple of My Eye. 3.30 Wayward Scot. 4.0 Prehistoric. 4.30 Trump Card. 5.0 Palacelli.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket: Brishella, Battle Field, Good Start, Lona, Mwanadike, Queens Sanctuary (9 am, April 5), Blue Tab, Bamba, Cascada, Deauville Dove, Desert Flame, Long Valley, Lora, Patricia, Virna, Winning Look (at 9 am, April 7), Dona Barod, Some Thing, Sunny Valley (at 11.30 am, April 7). 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket: French Connection, French Hollow, Wronsky (at 9 am, April 5), Mister Jacket, Moss Trooper, Piccolino, Raw Recruit, Silver Saber, Zein (at 9 am, April 7), Dandy Lute, Fidion, Foco, Notable Achievement, Tolo Harbour (at 11.30 am, April 7). Derby, Epsom: Moss Trooper (at 9 am, April 7), Princess Elizabeth Stakes, Epsom: Pin Ball, Blue Riband Stakes, Epsom: Piccolino, Mister Jacket. Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket: Ribecourt, Steinway, Queen Mary Stakes, Royal Ascot: Shukran, Victoria Cup Handicap, Ascot: Jeune Premier, Crescendo, Sin Y Sin, Jubilee Stakes Handicap, Kempton Park: Glitter Song, XYZ Handicap Stakes, Newcastle: Whip It Quick, Callanish, Mount Street, Shaba, Fusilier, Greenham Stakes, Newbury: Mister Jacket, Whitbread Gold Cup Handicap Steeplechase, Sandown Park: Spanish Steps. All engagements: Bittermint (dead).

Wolverhampton results

2.15 (2.17) APRIL STAKES (2-y-o: £390: 5f)

Native King, b c, by Native Prince—Queen Zagda (Mrs N. Vigors), 8-11 ..... D. Atkinson (3-1) 1
Damisa Girl, b f, by Decoy Boy—Damascus Sky (Mrs J. Swift), 8-1 car 8-2 K. Daniels (5-6 fav) 2
O'Conna, b c, by I Say—Clip (B. Cambidge), 8-11 ..... C. Moss (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Fire Glaze (4th), 10-1 Pitboy, Casadina. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.04; places, 18p, 14p; dual forecast, 57p. N. Vigors, at Upper Lambourn. ¾l, 1l. Mac's Kilt did not run.

2.45 (2.46) BOURTON PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £414: 1¼m 60yds)

Maris Piper, ch c, by Queen's Colour—Nuzda (S. Hill), 9-0 ..... T. Ives (11-2) 1
Tinlvaro, b f, by Sheshoon—Amante (E. Hill), 8-11 ..... R. Still (16-1) 2
Princely Rifle, b c, by Prince Regent (FR)—Telling (Col Sir D. Clague), 9-0 B. Rouse (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 Invergayle, 7-1 Mayumbe (4th), 8-1 La Falaise, Otaki, 10-1 Faculty, 12-1 Tom Tallis, Mossy Girl, Yakshi. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 20p, 46p, 15p. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. ¾l, 4l. Greek Monarch, Devadara, St Cadwaladr did not run.

3.15 (3.17) SHIFNAL HANDICAP (£555: 1m 1f)

Last Orders, br h, by Crocket—Sublime (A. Stevens), 5-8-1 ..... P. Waldron (9-2) 1
Supergrey, gr h, by Aberdeen—Headcorn (R. Bennett), 5-8-10 ..... F. Durr (15-8 fav) 2
Track Hero, b c, by Track Spare—Brave Heart (Miss M. Hindley), 4-8-3 ..... B. Rouse (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Princely Mount, 8-1 Grand Display, 10-1 Niswyth, 12-1 Brave Talk, 16-1 Shoulder Alms, 25-1 Weepers Rose. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 18p, 12p, 56p; dual forecast, 40p. A. Stevens, at Colerne. 10l, 1l. Cootamundra did not run.

3.45 (3.47) CROWN PLUS TWO HANDICAP (£774: 1m 1f)

Ballad Singer, br h, by Prince Dual—Dusky Legend (Mrs Q. Cresser), 5-7-7 car 7-9 ..... R. Millman (13-2) 1
Grey Pegasus, gr h, by Supreme Sovereign—La Cloche (Mrs P. Sherwin), 5-8-8 ..... K. Lewis (5-1) 2
Daniel, b g, by Darius—Determination (Miss G. Lawson), 10-8-4 ..... D. Gillespie (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Barsheba, 8-1 Doubleglow, 10-1 Aidie, El Rondo, 14-1 Loch Nell, 35-1 Stationayre, 66-1 Band of Hope (4th). 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.01; places, 23p, 18p, 24p; dual forecast, £3.47. R. Akehurst, at Lambourn. 8l, 8l. Blaskette did not run.

4.15 (4.16) MUCH WENLOCK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £483: 1m 3f 25yds)

Horseguards, ch c, by Pall Mall—Teresa Aqueeca (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), 9-2 ..... Ron Hutchinson (4-7 fav) 1
Night Adventure, b g, by Hopeful Venture—Night Appeal (R. Richmond-Watson), 8-3 ..... P. Waldron (6-1) 2
Call The Police, b c, by Polyfoto—Flower Signal (M. Slade), 8-1 ..... J. Reid (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Re Faithful, 12-1 Jim Colner, 16-1 Shesheen (4th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 11p; places, 11p, 20p; dual forecast, 26p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 15l, 8l. Pipes And Drums and Pearl Drop did not run.

4.45 (4.47) IRONBRIDGE PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £414: 5f 190yds)

Sicasanta, ch g, by Sira Dan—Christmas Rush (Sir D. Vestey), 8-11 ..... J. Mercer (11-2) 1
King Drifter, b c, by King's Leap—Wye Wander (M. Hill), 9-0 ..... W. Hood (20-1) 2
Princess Rosamond, b f, by Marmaduke—Cayton Rose (Exors of the late Mrs G. Trimmer-Thompson), 8-11 ..... G. Lewis (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Elusive Character, 13-2 Moon Base, 7-1 Mr Snans (4th), 8-1 Miss Belvedere, 10-1 Miss Jaguar, Reprobate, Sly Miss, 12-1 Doctor Who, 14-1 Pilella, 20-1 Saintly Spire, Skyrene. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 24p, £1.00, 16p. P. Cundell, at Compton. 10l, ¾l. Knop Paca, On The Green, Solo Violin and Pay Attention did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Last Orders, Horseguards, £5.05. TREBLE: Maris Piper, Ballad Singer, Sicasanta, £43.50.

Hamilton Park

2.30 (2.34) AUCHINRAITH HANDICAP (£327: 1m 40yd)

Wheatclose, b g, by Highland Melody—Lucky Maid (G. Newsome), 4-8-6 ..... T. Walsh (8-11 fav) 1
Branded, b c, by Meldrum—Well Matched (R. Spencer), 4-7-9 ..... R. Lampe (9-4) 2
Quick Thinking, b f, by Will Somers—Fast Act (W. Bickerstaffe), 4-8-4 ..... P. McGoldrick (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Cinder Track, 12-1 Leading Question, 14-1 Stormer, 16-1 Machine, Major Falcon, Medina Boy, 33-1 Hatfield Heath. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 12p, 11p, 15p; dual forecast, 19p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 5l, 2l.

3.0 (3.3) QUARRY HANDICAP (£311: 1m 40yd)

Devil's Passage, gr c, by Pals Passage—Demitasse (W. Blenkinsopp), 3-7-2 ..... S. Webster (12-1) 1
Revolution, b c, by On Your Mark—Gloire (K. French), 4-8-8 ..... T. Lappin (20-1) 2
Weather All, ch c, by Aureole—Envy (J. Gossman), 4-7-9 ..... D. McKay (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Poco Bueno (4th), 5-1 Deighton Prince, 7-1 Broomslone, 8-1 Lovely Boy, Mr Manacle, Paslo, 9-1 Kings Drum, 14-1 Czardas Prince, 20-1 Willask, Silveron, Honey Bright, Big Tom, Sanall, Quick Flash. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 68p; places, £3.43, £13.52, 91p, 17p. D. Williams, at Ferryhill. ¾l, 1½l. Winner bought in for 600 guineas.

3.30 (3.35) DECHMONT PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 6f)

Keith's Fridge, b c, by Frigid Aire—Vernal Grass (G. Wilkinson), 9-0 ..... B. Connorton (6-4 fav) 1
Burriana, ch f, by Kalydon—Island Woman (R. West), 8-11 ..... J. Seagrave (4-1) 2
Katie Louise, ch f, by Florescence—Tilde (J. Nicholson), 8-4 ..... P. D'Arcy (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Anna Natasha (4th), Argent Soleil, 6-1 Prince of Light, 33-1 Quendon. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 17p, 15p; dual forecast, 32p. E. Collingwood, at Middleham. ¾l, 3l.

4.0 (4.6) MIDDLEWARD HANDICAP (£492: 6f)

Sunsoon, b h, by Major Portion—March Gone (G. ...), 5-9-5 ..... E. Johnson (...) 1
Dormer Rire, b ... Bella Max (Mrs ...) ..... O. Gray (...) 2
Idle Dice, gr c, by ... Solviliana (M. ...) ..... A. ... (...) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Brawby Lad, 10-1 Tru-Hsl, 12-1 Sounds Good, Kernel Rose, 14-1 Big Jack (4th), 20-1 Floral Light, 33-1 Auchentubber. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.12; places, 25p, 18p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.64. 3l, sht hd. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham.

4.30 (4.33) CAMPSIE STAKES (2-y-o: £505: 5f)

Cry No More, b c, by Weepers Boy—Balfour Lass (W. Lusty), 9-0 ..... D. McKay (3-1 fav) 1
Don Valley, b c, by The Brianstan—Stolen Rocket (C. Spence), 9-0 ..... E. Hide (4-1) 2
Tamalan, b f, by John Splendid—Sylvan Rose (Mr ... Tully), 8-11 ..... C. Eccleston (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Harry's Pizazz (4th), 7-1 Jukes Walk, 12-1 Nice Ice, 14-1 Chinese Falcon, Huntercombe Lad, Holmwood Leap, 16-1 Bel Amur, 20-1 Katie Grey, Castledoon, Crafty Boy, Blushing Bride, Hornet. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 16p, 17p, 18p. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. 4l, 5l.

5.0 (5.1) HOLYTON PLATE (3-y-o: £345: 1¼m)

Ready Market, ch c, by Philemon—Fair Exchange (Mrs O. Lusty), 9-0 ..... D. McKay (3-1) 1
Water Hyacinth, ch f, by Sassafras—Spring Running (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), 8-11 ..... G. Duffield (2-1) 2
Hemingway, ch c, by Yellow God—Lass of Limerick (W. Kinby), 9-0 ..... J. Skilling (...) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Spring Lane, 14-1 I'm Alright Jack, 25-1 Aline Margaret, Wild Easter (4th). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 25p, 11p; dual forecast, ... W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. 2l, 12l. ... did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Keith's Fridge, Cry No More, £5.05. TREBLE: Devil's Passage, Sunsoon, Ready Market, £22.55 paid on first leg only.

Fontwell Park NH

2.0: 1, Haswall (20-1); 2, Blue River Wonder (16-1); 3, Jayride (15-2). Sheering 7-2 fav. 18 ran.
2.30: 1, Ceol-Na-Mara (10-11 fav); 2, Half-Holiday (6-5); 3, Ceann Mor (20-1). 5 ran.
3.0: 1, Willow Hound (10-1); 2, Valuable Coin (13-2); 3, Potentate (13-2). China Bank 4-1 fav. 16 ran.
3.30: 1, Curlew River (11-4); 2, Prince Reynard (8-1); 3, Laydoney (9-2). Bold Mariner 2-1 fav. 9 ran.
4.0: 1, Be Nice (9-2); 2, Remialo (11-4 fav); 3, Hall Follow (15-2). 9 ran.
4.30: 1, Persian Camp (7-4 fav); 2, Mexican Frolic (5-1); 3, Monksgrange (100-30). 11 ran.

Ascot acceptors

HEINZ STEEPLECHASE (Ascot, Saturday): Brown Lad, Isle of Man, Henry Tufnut, Lord Browndodd, Uncle Bing, Brown Admiral, Yanworth, Proian, The Gent, Garrymust, Floating Pound, Crofter, Flying Orchid, I'm Smart, The Songwriter, Four By Two, Levelled Out, Jonsbid.

Latest wills

Estate of Dowager Lady Swinton

Lady Swinton, of Masham, Yorkshire, widow of the first earl, left unsettled estate of £138,583 net (duty paid, £49,342).

Mr Moses John Mugeridge, of Lower Stoke, Kent, farmer, left £202,718 net (no duty shown). After small legacies he left the residue on trust for his wife for life and then equally among Dr Barnardo's, RNIB, BLESMA, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and RNLI.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Gordon, Miss Dorothy Dalrymple, of Conderton, Gloucestershire (duty paid, £46,133) £139,334

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, April 8, 1950

Fears over Trieste

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, April 7.—Italo-Yugoslav relations show every sign of approaching a critical point over Trieste. An important statement is expected from Count Sforza when he speaks at Milan tomorrow. Italian opinion is increasingly anxious about the elections to be held in Zone B of the Free Territory on April 16, which, it is feared, are designed to give the Yugoslav Government an excuse to annex the zone and thus confront the world with a *fait accompli*.

A committee of Italians from Istria visited both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister yesterday and asked that the Italian Government should intervene with the United Nations with a view to securing a plebiscite in the Free Territory.

Science report

Cycles: Copper prices

According to a study reported in the *Journal of Interdisciplinary Cycle Research*, copper prices in the United States from 1824 to 1973 fluctuated in cyclic waves that averaged a little over nine years in length. The waves were so regular that they could not be the result of chance more often than once in 1,000 times. Furthermore, Dr E. R. Dewey, of Pittsburgh University, found 29 other phenomena in natural and social sciences that fluctuated in the same way.

The idea of a cyclic pattern of phenomena has fascinated scientists and non-scientists alike. There is something so comforting about finding cyclic patterns in any variable phenomenon that scientists are generally cautious about accepting "eyeball" evidence of patterns in data. The human eye and brain tend to find patterns that often are not there, or at least have no statistical significance. But Dr Dewey's findings, which were reported to the fifth International Interdisciplinary Cycle Research Symposium last year but have only just been published, have the backing of statistics.

Previous assertions have been made that stock market fluctuations follow a regular pattern. One recurrent speculation is that stock market trends follow the solar cycle of variation, and though it might seem difficult to explain such a link it has been suggested that since the "sunspot cycle" is known to affect weather on the Earth, it is possible that the resulting influence on agriculture affects stock market trends.

It is more difficult to see how slight variations in weather could affect copper prices, but it is interesting that one of the other effects mentioned by Dr Dewey is a nine-year pattern in alternate sunspot cycles.

Dr Dewey's work provides something new in this field in picking out a precise period of 9.15 years and apparently showing by reliable and accurate statistical tests that copper prices in particular (and other phenomena to a slighter degree) closely follow the cyclic pattern.

The period covered by the data studied includes 16 consecutive cycles, enough for reliable statistical examination. The statistics themselves are rather dry. In practical terms, however, it seems that anyone buying and selling stock in strict cycles of 9.15 years geared to the copper price cycle would have made a profit in 14 out of the 16 cycles and a loss on the other two occasions.

The net gain resulting from those transactions would have been 754 per cent assuming the same initial investment for each transaction, and no brokerage.

One consideration Dr Dewey does not mention is that assuming that it is a real cycle (and the evidence points that way) it might be due either to some outside influence, or to some natural "resonance" of the United States economic system. That kind of natural oscillation might be seriously disrupted if a large proportion of the buyers and sellers of stock became aware of the pattern.

By Nature-Times News Service.

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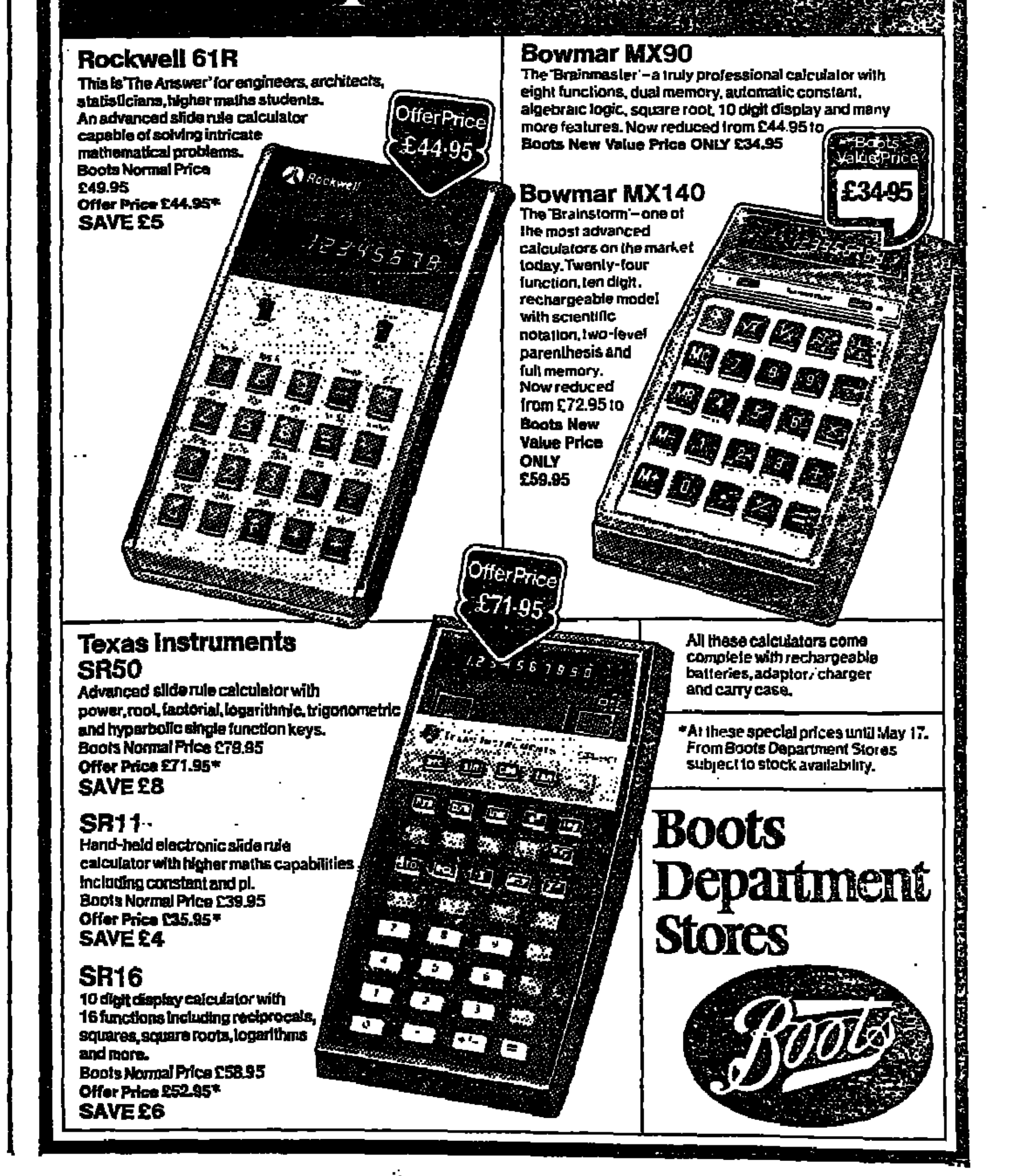
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THE ARTS

Miss Leighton and Dame Ivy



Margaret Leighton and Rachel Kempson.

When Margaret Leighton opens at the Apollo tomorrow in *A Family and a Fortune* it will be the first time she's worked with Alec Guinness in fully 30 years: "I seem to remember playing a rather oversized Queen to his Richard II with the Old Vic company at the New just after the war, and then we were brother and sister in *An Inspector Calls* and I was *Roxane* to his De Guiche in *Cyrano de Bergerac* that same season. It seemed high time we got together again."

For the new play at the Apollo, which is Julian Mitchell's adaptation of the Ivy Compton-Burnett novel, the company also includes Rachel Kempson, Anthony Nicholls and Jill Balcon and the production has the promise of one of those Haymarket/Tennent all-star classics, though interestingly enough the producer is Michael Codron and the director Alan Strachan, fresh from his musical success at the Mermaid with *Cole*.

But *A Family and a Fortune* very nearly didn't have Miss Leighton in it at all: "I was all set to do *A Little Night Music* over here, playing the *Hermione Gingold* part: I'd even learnt those incredibly complex Sondheim lyrics and was having singing lessons when they rang me to say the *whole production had been* cancelled. Almost at once (I think his spies must have been out) Alec rang me about this play. He'd asked me to do it before but I was already committed to the musical so I'd said no; then when *Night Music* was cancelled I agreed and then soon after that they *got the musical set up again* but by then it was too late because I'd signed for this and I can't say I'm altogether sorry. It might have been fun *to try* something new but somehow I feel safer without an orchestra."

For Miss Leighton *A Family and a Fortune* marks a return to the London stage after a five-year absence caused almost equally by illness and work in the other media: "I hadn't meant to stay away so long, just as I never really intended to spend so much time in American during the '60s; one's career just seems to happen like that, and its absolutely no use trying to plan anything far ahead . . . one just waits for them to ring up."

"It's not that I don't care about the theatre—of course I do, passionately, otherwise I *wouldn't have spent almost* 40 years of my life in it. It's just that I *find* it hard to settle in a play, especially one that's totally new to me. I think there's something very unlucky about believing any play will run—that's why I can never bring myself to get dressing-rooms properly organized. After we'd been doing *Separate Tables* for 18 months at the old St James's the director Peter Glenville came to see me and said my room looked as though I'd been doing a split week in Stockport instead of a hit in the West End.

"I also get nervous if it's a very happy company, which this one is: Alec is marvellous to work with and takes us all out for lovely treats but, you know, it's always the really nasty companies that you get stuck in the same theatre with for years—the nice ones have a *terrible habit of disbanding*."

Margaret Leighton was born at Barnt Green in Worcestershire 53 years ago and knew from her earliest teens that she wanted to be on the stage:

"In ignorance I just liked the idea of it, and I felt sure I could make a living at it. I was one of three children and my father, who *worked in the cotton* trade, used to take us to the Birmingham pantomime at Christmas but even then I had the claustrophobia which has *been with me* ever since and so we used to have to sit in one of the boxes. I was a very bored child and I suspect also very boring, and I remember my *mother being delighted* when I wanted to go into the theatre: my father didn't care for the idea so much, though he came round to it once my name was *up in lights*."

In the summer of 1938, when she was 16, Margaret Leighton left school and auditioned for Sir Barry Jackson at the Birmingham Rep; he took her on as an unpaid assistant deputy stage manager and a few months later she got her first speaking role in *Laugh with Me*, a somewhat inaptly titled comedy in view of the fact that few of the audience ever did.

During her stay at Birmingham she worked her way up to the top salary (£3 per week) and then decided that the audience might be getting tired of seeing the same face week after week so she went to London and auditioned for John Burrell at the Vic:

"He asked me to book him three seats for the next matinee I had at Birmingham: Joyce Redman and I were in Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and that afternoon there was no audience reaction whatsoever. I thought, my God it's terrible and I'm terrible but then I found out what had happened. Burrell's other two seats were for Ralph Richardson and Laurence Olivier and the Birmingham *audience* were so transfixed by seeing them in the stalls that they hadn't been watching the play at all. Anyway the three of them came round for tea afterwards and asked me to join them at the New".

She stayed with the Vic for three years before going on to Eliot and Rattigan and then the Broadway years:

"Living in America made me feel dreadfully out of touch and I loathed working in Hollywood where they call you a 'hired actress' and treat you like furniture. *But Broadway is* rather exciting, at least when one has a success there, although in my time New York was full of muggers in leather coats and very depressing. *But* they say it's all much nicer now—Alec was there recently for a holiday and says I wouldn't recognize it now it's all so clean and *safe*. In this country I think if young people think of me at all it's as a rather old-fashioned 'establishment' actress from the Fifties but in America, you know, *I'm* regarded as rather avant-garde because of some of the plays I did there. American acting is much more intense—they start way back in the *womb* and emerge nine months later with *a performance*. I used to find it all very exhausting but then what's the alternative? In this country once you've done your Juliet and your Cleopatra there's not much left for an old actress—Volumnia, I suppose, and old Queen Margaret, but they're really not much fun. Still I can't see myself *just retiring* and staring out across the fields of Sussex, can you?"

No.

Sheridan Morley

Look, Stranger
BBC 2

Alan Coren

Once again, in the splendidly rich scene of the *Look, Stranger* series, a nugget, a little glittering chunk of pure feature television; and, as so often before, such *is the enterprise* with which the odd is winkled out and the tact with which it is displayed, one came to scoff and stayed to cheer.

After all, what could *be more* rife with dottiness than the *Bridgwater* Carnival, that annual "bizarrerie" which fills the unlikely Somerset streets with floatloads of cardboard Alhambras and towing Balinese gods and giant papier mâché dragons, and which metamorphoses the local population, against every conceivable odd, into authentic dancing *Gurkhas, choral* zombies, and some five dozen, at a guess, Al Jolsons?

Where, once a year, do they find the enormous reserves of *local talent for* this totally un-British *fasching*, those hordes of matadors and pharaohs and Cossacks and Samurais prancing and strumming on the huge *plywood staircases* that trundle past on their converted lorries? Could it be that Busby Berkeley has retired to this rural nook, much in the manner *of Count* Frankenstein, and now, assisted perhaps by Igor Astaire, spent his maturer years in his castle basement, running things up out of old *starlets*?

No so. All year, it transpired, the good citizens of Bridgwater chuck themselves into carnival preparations with a gusto, a dedication, an inventiveness, a community spirit, and a competitiveness which, turned to some more prosaic end, would have this country back on its *industrial feet* before you could say Len Murray.

Banded together into fiercely rival clubs then choose on a given day what seems to the *lay eye* to be the most impossible target of all, then spend the next 300 odd striving towards it with every creative and manual fibre in their collective *beings*, and *suddenly* there they all are on carnival night.

There are only 25,000 souls in Bridgwater, but their extruded talent is staggering. Watching *last night* I *found* myself falling into the sort of fantasies that gripped Benjamin Franklin when he stared at the lightning and prayed to discover a means *of harnessing* it "because mere flashing is only waste". And yet, and yet: they make damned good flashes in Bridgwater, and that, after all, is no mean achievement.

London debuts

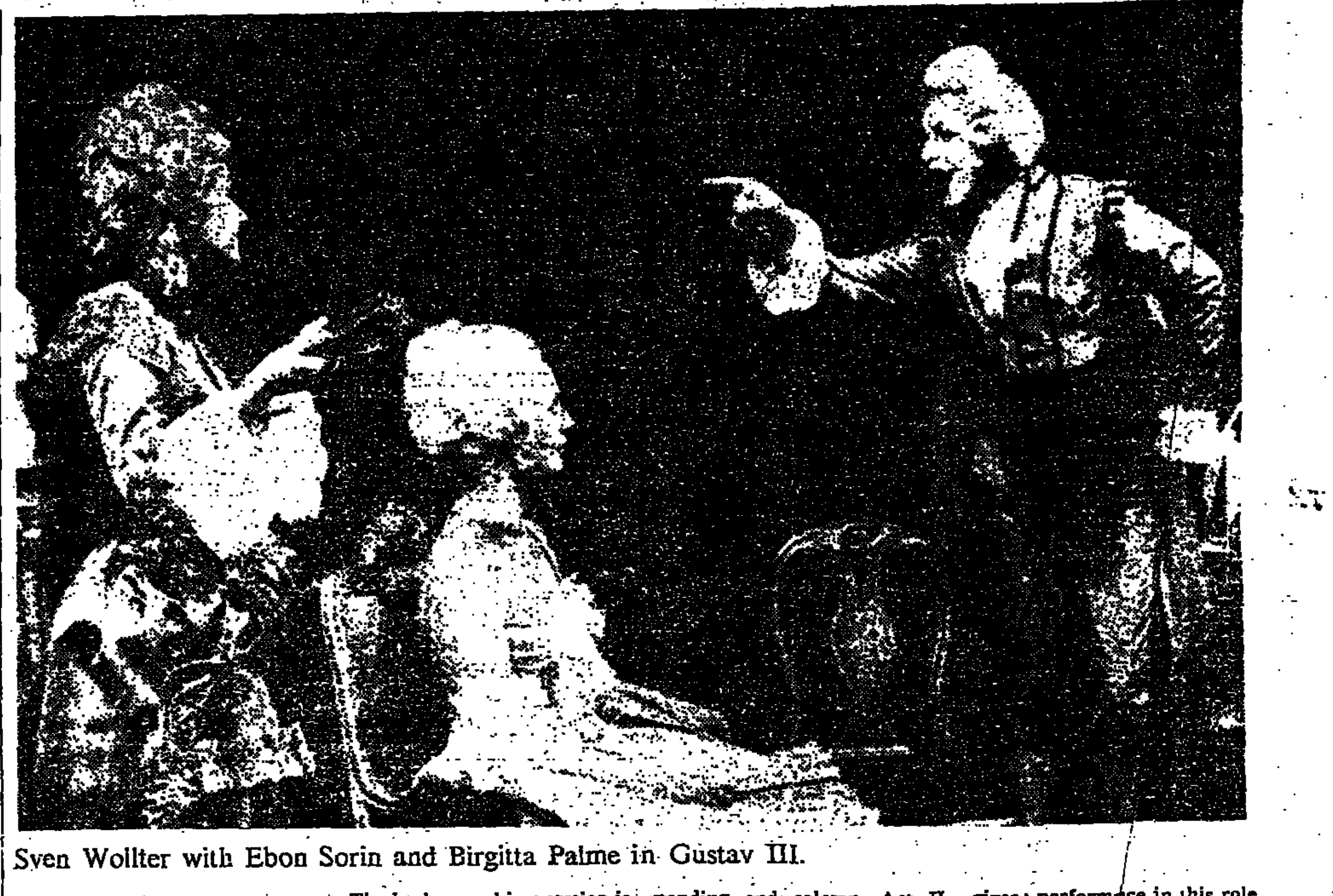
The invention of Schumann's Fantasy Op 17 is so varied that performers often have difficulty in unifying it all. Dinorah Varsi only managed this in the *first movement* by *a certain* flattening-out of the more prominent features. That would not do in the central movement, of course, and this did *have a degree more swagger*, though caution still reduced the size of the music's gesture. Involvement in Bartók's Sonata was far more positive however, and *this received* an enjoyably unconstricted performance. Excellent, too, was Miss Varsi's Chopin, the Mazurkas Opp 17 No 4 and 24 *No* 4, the *outstanding* specimens from among his early works in this genre, being exquisitely proportioned. Two Etudes were brilliant, also, *suggesting this pianist might* have done better to give us a Chopin recital.

Oswald Russell played the slow sections of Beethoven's *Sonata Op 101 with clarity and* some warmth, but the *alla marcia* and finale were hammered so inconsiderately as to confirm that his relation to this *music was quite external*. The stale romanticism of Samuel Barber's Piano Sonata scarcely invites a deep response, yet this, too, was hammered unsympathetically. Mr Russell resolutely maintaining a hard tone. In both these works he seemed bothered, also, by *structural* considerations, and each movement rambled as if he did not understand its form. However, in some Debussy *Préludes matters were no better.* "Ce qu'a vu le vent de l'Ouest" being coarse-toned and "La fille aux cheveux de lin" having put on a lot of weight since I last met her.

Anne Colls's recital of contralto songs was prepared conscientiously yet to little evident purpose: she had no interpretative points to make. "Seven Lieder" by Elgar—some of them *dangerously close to the drawing-*room ballad—were accurate but, musically speaking, quite flat. This was due partly to a lack of basic animation, partly to uniformly *too-slow tempos*. Everything else was the same, the second set of Dvořák's Biblical Songs being almost static in effect, nearly immobile. "*How changed the vision*" from Handel's *Admetus* was plodding, Bach's "Prepare thyself, Zion" from the Christmas Oratorio was featureless, Mozart's "Ridente la calma" almost toneless. The voice is potentially of some quality but its delivery was too inhibited throughout, and to some extent *the slow tempos appeared to be* the fault of the accompanist, Peggy Grummitt.

Nor can one report encouragingly of Eileen Lowes, a soprano. Purcell items such as "The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation" and "When I am laid to Earth" were laboured, and her pitching was very uncertain in Strauss's *Vier letzte Lieder*: stridency is the last thing wanted in these *autumnal songs. Miss Lowes also* sang various duets with Lena Phillips.

Max Harrison



Sven Wollter with Ebon Sorin and Birgitta Palme in Gustav III.

Gustav III
Aldwych

Irving Wardle

If Gustav III of Sweden had not existed, some student of the Enlightenment would have had to invent him: an absolute monarch who tried to carry through a one-man French Revolution by crushing his own nobility with the aid of the Third Estate.

Strindberg saved him up for *one of his final plays, first* performed after his death; but to judge from this festival-hopping production by the Gothenburg Stadsteater (briefly *seen at last year's Edinburgh* Festival) it seems that the political drama of this Gustav's reign has yet to be written. This play resolutely applies the author's directive that, *even in* historical work "the purely human is of major interest, and history the background".

The background in question is supplied by the events of 1788-89 with Gustav waging his Finnish war and turning Sweden upside down, amid a growing tide of conspiracy and sundry noises off (such as the fall of the Bastille) before Strindberg cuts him short with a peremptory assassination instead of doing him the full Verdian honours with a masked ball. "Background" precisely describes the approach to all this material. Act I takes place in a book shop, evidently chosen as a plausible venue for various *classes to mingle.*

We get a coming and going of farmers, courtiers, street musicians, conspirators; each rank exhibited with the prac*tised* confidence of a company who know that nobles wear supercilious expressions and enter with raised arms as if calling for the bill, and that those of humbler degree are apt to be afflicted by bent backs and facial twitches. Conspirators, naturally, are upstanding and solemn. Act II, though it is here that we first meet the King, repeats the same pattern in the audience chamber with a queue of supplicants at the door, admitted one at a time by a hobbling major-domo with a motorspasm of the jaw.

I dwell on these actorish details partly because they seem particularly out of place in a work that is mainly about playacting. In so far as a theme emerges from Lennart Hjulström's production, it is the collision between the actualities of revolution and the pretence. *Gustav is a despot acting the* libertarian; and likewise his principal adversary, General Pechlin, who goes through the play hatching out roguish little plots, playing cat and mouse games with the King, only to recoil in horror when he discovers a real threat to his life. Walking as if stepping over puddles in new *shoes and pursing* his lips into an ancient rose-bud before giving voice to a dulcet falsetto, Rune Turesson gives a performance in this role that stands out as grotesque even in the surrounding company.

The intention, presumably, was to match the artifice of Sven Wollter's Gustav. It is only gradually that the quality of this extraordinary performance asserts itself. First seen in working clothes, negligently jamming his wig over a bust of Voltaire, the impression is eccentric without conveying regal eccentricity. Then we start getting to know him: the welcoming winsome *smile, the mock humility*, the abrupt change of that white clown's face into a death mask, and the transposition of homosexuality into political subversion. The performance is summed up after the fall of the Bastille where Wollter takes the floor *in* a parody of the Carmagnole, and makes it as seductive as the tango. Those seeking a definition of the word "camp" will find it in this brilliant actor.

BBC SO/Boulez
Round House

William Mann

The present season of BBC concerts in the Round House at Chalk Farm ended on Monday. It might have been a sad occasion since Pierre Boulez is soon to leave *conductorship* of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and nothing he has done during his tenure of office has changed our concert life so much as his introduction of these evenings in the Round House. For*tunately* we have Robert Ponsonby's promise that they will continue next year, and that Boulez will still remain one of this orchestra's principal guest conductors with Colin Davis.

As usual the programme comprised a novelty, a revival and a modern work of special renown introduced by another composer: Malcolm Williamson *drew attention to Messiaen's* status as the quiet revolutionary of our time, following neither Stravinsky nor Schoenberg, but going his own way and still influencing all his junior colleagues.

The *Seven Haikai* must seem an exemplary demonstration of this thesis: they are highly characteristic of Messiaen yet unusually compact, as any Haiku definably has to be without sacrifice of the long melodic line or the element of obsessive repetition. The performance had less polish than one might expect from Boulez, as Messiaen's pupil, but was still *lucid and logically positive*; Howard Shelley's account of the solo piano part excelled in acute musical timing even when a harder, crisper quality of tone could have been desired.

Mr Shelley had already played the solo in Bernard Rands's *Mésalliance*, that struggle to wrest a piano concerto from an orchestral free-for-all which, at its first performance, notoriously drew blood from the pianist. This revival proved less violent.

The new work, *Khouang*, came from Tona Scherchen. *The title is the Chinese word for madness* and the music pursues extremes of stillness and frenzy until an explosion when mental control is supposed to give way. The idea is not easily represented to conviction (Richard Strauss in *Don Quixote*, only half persuades us) and this composer is far too firmly in control.

The ideas are pleasing in themselves, attractively presented and contrasted. Perhaps the performance should have worked to a more drastic climax, but I suspect that the composer has inherited her father's exact balance of *emotion and intellect*. Hermann Scherchen, when told that a young composer's music was too strenuous for his informants, answered "It should be still more strenuous". Since I was the composer in question, perhaps I may pass the same recommendation back to his talented daughter.

The brave new multiple-choice world of women



Warren Harrison

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In this century education, civil rights movements and science have together transformed the range of options open to women. We have increasing control over our own lives. Others will discuss politically whether this is far or fast enough. My concern is the impact on the individual of this increased freedom of choice. How may we prepare ourselves for it? In some ways it is easier to be told what to do. We then merely obey or rebel.

We shall limit ourselves and be less than ourselves if we believe the only way to achieve our full potential is to change our external conditions. We have options within ourselves. Medicine has given us some control over our bodies. We need no longer be slaves to our chemicals. Effective contraception gives young women many choices. We may use our sexuality for fun or love, for love within or without marriage, or marriage with or without children. The choice between work within or without the home is thus no longer either—or, we may look to multiple choices.

Later in life our hormones are easily monitored. Few British doctors would see oestrogens for all as the passport to eternal youth. We must all grow old eventually. But when and how? At 40 or 50 with flushes, moodings and frustration? Or gracefully and gradually towards our allotted span, still enjoying the infinite variety of being a woman? The woman who goes to sleep full of sweetness and light, and wakes a raging virago just because her hormone level has dropped, may well see replacement of a demonstrable lack as reputable preventive medicine. So may those around her!

This, too, has social implications. No longer are we expected to don our shawls at 40, though when I escape the London rush hour to the mediaeval peace of the Alpes Maritimes, often think the black dress and the kitchen chair in the cobbled alley may be the secret of life after all. Strange that after two weeks one actually begins to miss the washing of daily rugger kit and the din of electric guitars.

In middle age those who have chosen competitive work will probably have arrived professionally wherever they were going. As for men at the same stage, the question arises 'What now? Is this what it was all for? Is it now all downhill?'

Hitherto unfelt uncertainties may painfully kick. Would children, would a permanent relationship have been better after all? Those of us who find children gone, husbands, too, perhaps. For all of us another lifetime stretches ahead—for what? Retraining, lovers, voluntary work? Some grandmothers may be prime ministers or surgeons. Most of us must look to our own needs and doubts. It is easy merely to despair, to forget that the bright young thing is part of our inner selves that we can cherish for ourselves. Some old ladies keep it shining to their dying breath, and not by painting their faces.

In facing our multiple choices another breakthrough of this generation may prove more truly liberating than social or physical science. At last we begin to understand the psychosomatic nature of the human condition. We learn how our emotions, conscious and unconscious, affect and are affected by our bodies and minds. This fundamentally influences our true personal freedom. We choose what we can dare to choose, and we may need help to be free to dare more. Such help is now available: it can be in accident proneness counselling services coincides with increased freedom of choice.

All civil rights movements risk coming to seek not equality but to be more equal than others. We may not wholly blame the enemy, we may ourselves lack faith that really we are equal, and protest too much. Women tend to see their emotions not as talents which enrich choices, but as shameful weaknesses in a materialist intellectual society. Psychosomatic medicine shows this to be false. Sexually we know that woman achieves joyful relationships not through brains or athletics or trying to be a better man than man, but by valuing her body and its emotional desires in their own right. Thus she is a whole woman and her own person, truly free to choose.

The human being at best is not merely an animal which knows but a person who feels and dreams; who strives not only for physical prowess and logical truth, but for the stars. We need to understand and value our womanhood in a society which has paid it little tribute so far. If we are to make the most of our new options we must first know what we want; we must know ourselves. If we deny our emotional instincts, we shall waste a powerful heritage, and achieve less than we might.

Dr Prudence Tunnadine

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Is this the end of the couch?

Professional groups rarely welcome comment from outsiders on the way they run their affairs, so Professor Hans Eysenck has taken a bold step in suggesting that psychiatrists should *accept that half their patients* have no recognizable mental illness and no need of conventional medical treatment. Eysenck *who is professor of psychology* at London University is an expert on the working of the mind, not of its diseases, and in *The Future of Psychiatry* (Methuen pamphlet 65p) he argues that many of the patients seen in psychiatric clinics have complaints which are nothing to do with formal mental disease such as schizophrenia.

"Is a man who has an inordinate fear of snakes ill in the medical sense?" says Eysenck. "There are no lesions anywhere in his nervous system; there is no infection; there is nothing whatsoever that suggests that he is 'diseased' in a meaningful manner."

Secondly he claims that effective treatment for these nonmedical complaints—the neuroses, the obsessions and the phobias—can and is given by therapists who need no medical training. Psychiatry, says Eysenck, should be split down the middle leaving the medical half to the psychiatrists and handing over the rest to the behavioural scientists.

The present ragbag of psychiatric complaints owes its composition to historical accidents. Until the nineteenth century serious mental illness had remained for most people a frightening supernatural phenomenon. Demoniac possession, witchcraft and divine vengeance were intellectually respectable notions. All that changed when the new scientific medicine was able to show physical causes for conditions such as epilepsy and a substantial portion of mental disease was taken over by neurologists—the physicians *responsible for structural disease* of the brain. Quite possibly that process would have continued slowly but *steadily—each year more mental* diseases are found to have an underlying physical or chemical cause—but for the growth of the psychoanalytic approach to mental disorder. This added to the psychoses (the mental diseases in which the patient is unaware his thinking is disordered) the whole range of neurotic reactions such as anxiety, obsessional behaviour and sexual deviations.

Freud's theories later developed and expanded by his disciples asserted that the fears and anxieties that the neurotic complains of are symptoms of an underlying complex with its origins in early childhood. Psychoanalysis, said Freud, could unravel the causes of the complex and explain them to the patient, once the conflict had been recognized and accepted the symptoms would vanish.

"Freud might of course have been right" says Professor Eysenck "but unfortunately it is now clear that he was not." Methods devised in other fields of medicine have conclusively *shown that patients treated by psycho*analysis are no more likely to be cured of their neuroses than those given no treatment at all. Psychoanalysis might be quite pleasant for analyst and patient—"rich and mildly neurotic Americans talking about their sex lives with a sympathetic and usually intelligent and well read psychoanalyst"—but it has totally failed as a cure for neurotic disorders. Furthermore says Eysenck because psychoanalysis has failed as a treatment the underlying theory is discredited. This is not simply an academic dispute moreover: for within the past decade in one of the quiet revolutions that occur within medicine, an alternative approach to the treatment of neurosis has proved remarkably effective.

Psychologists claim that neurotic symptoms are not evidence of any deep-seated mental illness or complex, they are simply habits or responses that the individual has acquired and cannot shake off. The outstanding characteristic of the neurotic who suffers from a fear of heights or crowds is that he recognizes the fear as irrational and wants to be rid of it. Behaviour therapy, based on modern learning theory, can help such an individual "unlearn" his troublesome habit in a few simple treament sessions. Sometimes the method used is flooding: a patient with an obsessional need to wash his hands scores of times a day because of a neurotic anxiety about dirt will, with support and explanation from a psychologist, dip his hands into a bowl of rubbish and make no attempt to clean them until the emotional reaction dies down.

Often the obsession can be cured with *only a few such treatments.* Desensitization is another widely used method: a patient with a fear of cats will be helped to imagine a picture of a kitten; then a kitten far in the distance; and gradually the patient is worked up a hierarchy of anxiety until she will tolerate the presence of grown cats in the same room. Why, asks Professor Eysenck should this vast section of psychiatric treatment retain its traditional ties with clinical medicine? The conditions being treated are not diseases; the theory underlying their treatment has been devised and developed by behavioural scientists not by doctors; and the treatment itself requires skills that are quite remote from the conventional training of a doctor. Is it really necessary that a behaviourist psychiatrist should be able to set bones, deliver babies and possess all the traditional medical skills?

Eysenck's proposals are not as *controversial as might at first* appear. Within the medical establishment there is growing recognition that doctors are *scarce and expensive*, and that some of their work can and should be handed over to other professional workers with *appropriate skills.* At *the same time* increasing emphasis is being given to multidisciplinary teamwork, and there *is likely to be wide support for* Eysenck's suggestion that patients should be referred for treatment to a *small panel including a psychiatrist and* one or more psychologists who would discuss the case and decide whether *behaviour therapy or conventional* psychiatric treatment or educational treatment is most suitable. Already *several psychiatric units have trained* nurses as behaviour therapists with excellent results. These proposals *should indeed benefit doctors, patients,* psychologists and the exchequer—psychologists cost far less to train than *psychiatrists.* The only obvious sufferers will be the cartoonists who will eventually lose their familiar stereotype of the patient on the psychiatrist's couch.

Dr Tony Smith

Homes for families first

The Government's proposal for a registration scheme that will exclude lettings of accommodation to students from Rent Act protection represents a reversal of the policies that resulted in the Rent Acts of 1965, 1968 and 1974. Having progressively closed the various loopholes that enabled landlords to avoid giving security of tenure to their tenants, the Government now propose to create a new one.

The 1974 Rent Act marked a turning point, in that it finally rendered it impossible for an absentee landlord to get rid of tenants at his sole discretion. Ever since the mid-sixties it had been alleged that total security of tenure would result in landlords ceasing to let. The reply, that for economic reasons this was unlikely to happen, implicitly accepted that it nevertheless could. Once the final loopholes were closed it was always possible that problems of availability would arise, presenting the Government with a choice between two courses of action.

If, as a matter of social policy, security of tenure is deemed necessary, then the Government must be willing to intervene in the private housing market if landlords are not prepared to let under such conditions. If property is left empty, then local housing authorities should be ready to buy it up if it comes on to the market, and should be able to requisition it if it does not. The stock of housing thus acquired should then be allocated by the authority, on the basis of need, to those people who now look to the private rented sector to provide them with a home.

If, on the other hand, the Government shrinks back from such a programme of municipalization, it would be forced into some relaxation of the protection afforded to tenants. In proposing its registration scheme, the Government has taken this latter course, with potentially disastrous consequences.

The registration scheme has been proposed because of fears that there will be an inadequate *supply of rented accommodation* available to students as a result of the Rent Act 1974. The con*cern is threefold, that protected* student tenants may not move on at the end of their courses, *that non-student tenants renting* during vacations would remain permanently, and that landlords *would simply not let to protected* tenants. It has yet to be demonstrated that any of these *things are more likely to* happen under the current legislation than in the past.

It is too early to establish to what extent students who now enjoy security will remain in *their accommodation after their* courses have finished. The new Act came into effect in August, thus the first *generation of* "secure" students will not complete their courses until June. I suspect that the majority will move on, as they normally do, in search of employment. Those that do not may be staying on to teach in local schools or work in local industry. Is it really to be Government policy that eviction should mar the start of their careers? It is hardly the best way for a hard-pressed local authority to retain newly qualified teachers with some knowledge of local conditions and problems. It must be recognized that the real problem is of providing housing for the young single person for the five or six years between leaving the parental home and the setting up of a new family home *upon marriage. For a part of* this period it is likely that the young person will have student status, but, in housing terms, this is a subsidiary consideration.

To assess the extent of withdrawal of property from the market by reference to student problems is extremely unsound. It may well be that last autumn this was a contributory factor to the annual difficulty of housing new students. However, there are reasons for believing that any such withdrawal was abnormal. The Act, although passed in July, was not available for *some months due to a* printing dispute. This led to uncertainty as to its provisions, and many landlords played safe by not letting until they were sure of their position. This uncertainty was compounded by a degree of misrepresentation of the provisions of the Act by the Opposition during the election campaign. The timing of these *events was such as to make* students seeking housing at the start of the academic year victims of *circumstances.*

Even if the proposed legislation were not premature, it would be extremely dangerous. The Francis Committee on the Rent Acts concluded that to exempt students from security of tenure provisions "would result in less of the cheaper furnished accommodation being available for families" as landlords would display their well established preference for less secure tenants. The siting of many universities and colleges means that much of the accommodation we are considering is in inner city stress areas, where up to half of the furnished accommodation may be occupied by families with children. The registration scheme for student lettings goes beyond creating *conditions that would encourage* landlords to let to students at the expense of other groups. *The Government Consultation* Paper makes it clear that one aim is "to provide an absolute ground *for repossession of student housing today.* accommodation let on a protected tenancy where, within the 12 months prior to the letting the accommodation has been occupied . . . by a student".

This measure drives a coach-and-horses through security of tenure. It is wide open to abuse and will apply even if the student letting was not registered. I believe that this provision will result in a stampede by landlords to acquire student tenants that can only be paralleled in housing history by the great shift from unfurnished to furnished accommodation that followed the Rent Act, 1965. Harassment will be with us again as landlords seek to dispossess existing tenants.

Students do not wish to be housed at the expense of those least able to resist unscrupulous landlords. The housing of students cannot be considered in isolation as an educational problem. Will the homelessness among the disadvantaged that will result from this "solution" to our difficulties also be dismissed as an educational problem?

John Randall

The author is the outgoing President of the National Union of Students. The NUS conference at Llandudno will discuss student housing today.

Do you see your local librarian as a missionary?

At one of the many frantic moments a Inge Krog's *Fourteen Days Overdue* (a Danish nove for adolescents, whose title tells all) the chief protagonists take a visit to the public librar. This institution is "cold and empty except for the librarian who sits filing some cards in a drawer. She gives her customers "a disapproving look as though she resented being disturbed". And, later on—predictably enough—she sys "There must be silence in here". It is a portrait quite in harmony with that most readers are conditioned to expect of librarians—yet another instance of the keenness with which they guard an orderly, classified culture.

It seems that they do things differently at the Maude Shunk Public Library in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Here they have someone ambiguously called a Young Adult Librarian who presides over a "right, relevant stock", who "involves" her readers in activities" and who tackles "hard core trouble makers" by "learning their names in order to address them personally, speaking in a friendly manner". (If this should sound like a lesson learnt from a lion tamer, you must also know that she warns them they are being watched, "kicking them out" if they persist in their trouble making).

This heart-warming glimpse of the new model librarian is just one of a vast assembly of observations gathered together and published in a book called *Librarians and Literature for Teenagers* (Andre Deutsch, £4.50). Its author, Margaret Marshall, is engaged in the secondary job of full-time lecturing on children's literature and librarianship at Leeds Polytechnic, and her book has the preeminently academic virtue of being a comprehensive and impartial exhibition of facts. Progressing from chapters on the environment and literary education of teenagers to a description of the reading-matter and library provision which they may encounter, it proffers as exhaustive an account of the *current state of* play as you could wish to find anywhere. Not a page goes by *without an example or a neatly* tabulated analysis (there are 158 references for the 247 pages of *main text*) and the book gains a dimension by referring regularly to American practice as well as British—Maude Shunk lines up alongside the Teen-time, Tween-time, In-*between experiments* of places like Walsall, Lincoln and Lambeth.

Mrs Marshall would probably be the first to admit that her book is not intended for the general reader, even though her concern for just such a creature is probably her chief motive for writing it. It is not always easy to untangle a personal viewpoint from the welter of evidence which she has set out, but it is probably true to say that she is as anxious as many of her colleagues to amend the caricature of her profession put about by people like Inge Krog, and to develop a case for the librarian as a key figure in educational progress—indeed, a figure better placed than most parents or teachers to exploit the manifold resources, whether print or non-print, on behalf of the reluctant, "*book-shy*", disenchanted adolescents.

If one questions why librarians should show this missionary zeal, the answer would seem to lie in a general theory of "bibliotherapy": a notion that creating or promoting a range of books that "*speak to the condition*" of contemporary teenagers is to offer them emotional *satisfaction* that may prove a stabilizing influence at a period notorious for instability. Unfortunately, however, the conscious pursuit of such an end does not guarantee its attainment, and a besetting fault of those encouraging "libraries and literature for teenagers" is a too dedicated or too patronizing attitude. In the literature, for instance, a book like *Fourteen Days Overdue* is basically an exercise in manipulation—the author determined to show life "just as it is" (ie smelly and unkempt, where even the clocks are asthmatic) and hoping that this will authenticate a drama peopled by stereotypes rather than characters.

Published in the same month and by the same publisher as *Fourteen Days Overdue*, Josephine Kamm's *The Starting Point* shows precisely the same failing. In speaking to a condition—in this case early marriage and parking yourself on unsatisfactory in-laws—Mrs Kamm seems to assemble her ingredients from case histories at the Citizens' Advice Bureau, rather than from a direct apprehension of life. It is rather like making a ready-mix cake. No matter how sincere the cook, the result will always taste synthetic.

It is *instructive to contrast* these contributions to bibliotherapy with a book by an author who is frequently reviled for making no concessions to his readers. William Mayne's *The Incline*, which has recently appeared in paperback (Puffin, 30p), may not dabble much in marital discord or abortion, but it too is about crises in the affairs of working people—children and adults alike. The difference is though, that Mr Mayne owes his first allegiance to the story that he has to tell and not to some spurious notion of "relevance", with the result that his people cast real shadows when the sun *shines on them and that the* reader is aware of lives continuing outside the confines of the book.

If the nauseous phrase, quoted by Mrs Marshall from an American authority, is true: *that the kids want* "the chuckles, the gooseflesh, the glimpses of glory" then their mentors have a duty to distinguish between the real and the ready-mix *production of these* things. And of course if the kids have no appetite for the real, then the final answer lies not in any belated therapy, but in *educating them differently* before ever adolescence arrives.

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Bernard Levin

Why St Giles was forced to come to the end of the term

> "The loss of this school of languages will not cause the nation to collapse . . . yet perhaps it would be a good idea if it were not forgotten . . "

When a man, at a cost of a good many thousands of pounds, voluntarily closes down a thriving business which he started 20 years ago on £100 borrowed from his grandfather and built up by hard work into a concern pre-eminent in its field, it is worth asking him why, in case the answer should provide some general comment on our times. Since a friend of mine *has*, at *a cost of a good many thou*sands of pounds, just voluntarily closed down a thriving business which he started 20 years ago on £100 borrowed from his grandfather and built up by hard work into a concern *pre-eminent in its field*, I did ask him why, in case the answer *should provide some* general comment on our times. *And since I think it does*, I give it today.

The St Giles School of Languages was founded by Mr Paul Lindsay, partly because his natural bent was towards a career in education and partly because the existing private teaching of foreign languages and of English as a foreign language seemed to him plainly inadequate. (Some three-quarters of such schools even today are not "recognized"—that is, have not satisfied the Government inspectorate that they meet the required standards.) For nearly two decades he and his wife, and their staff, worked to *make it a successful, reputable* and valuable contribution to education in an important area. So well did they do in realizing these aims that the St Giles School was one of the first to be "recognized"; a separate but similar establishment was opened at Brighton; and when Mr Lindsay founded a (non-profit) teacher-training *unit at the School, it was not* long before a St Giles Teachers Certificate was being included among the desired qualifications in advertisements for teachers all over the country.

Yet at Easter the School was abruptly closed. Mr Lindsay explains the abruptness by saying that he feared that, if he announced his decision in advance, there might have been a "sit-in" at the premises by a group of the teachers; he explains the closure *itself* by saying that a group among the staff, some of whom, he believes, held far-left political views, had been engaged for about a year on a campaign of pressure on him and the School which was inevitably destroying it, and which had already had the effect of leaving him *virtually powerless* to affect, much less control, *the destinies of his own establishment.* (The spokesman for some of the teachers denies that there would have been a sit-in, and says that only one teacher was a member of an extremist organization—the Communist Party.)

It began In May last *year*, teachers *in the de*partment of English as a *Foreign Language* joined the Managerial, Administrative and Technical Staff Association; a branch of MATSA was formed from language teachers. Mr Lindsay (a lifelong Labour voter) was sympathetic to the wish of members of his staff to be represented by a union, and agreed with the professed aim, which was to improve standards and conditions, especially in the unrecognized schools; he was told that the union members' efforts were not directed at schools like St Giles, where (as they agreed) pay and conditions were *reasonable. He raised no objec*tion to their wish to join MATSA (affiliated to the GMWU), though he was surprised that they had not chosen to join the NUT or one of the other teachers' organizations; he was one of the first principals of such schools to sign an agreement with the union; and he has from the *start afforded the union* members the facilities for union work. But he tells me that techniques of industrial harassment were introduced at St Giles at once. Indeed, while he was actually on the telephone arranging a meeting to discuss recognition of the union he was threatened with a strike—"I'll call my *members out and close your* school down" were the words used—when he was doing no more than suggest a change in the time of the meeting. (The spokesman insists that the union wanted only normal negotiations, and says that Mr Lindsay was "anti-union", indeed that he was "obsessed" on the subject.)

Before this, however, Mr Lindsay had come to the conclusion that the teacher-training unit would have to be closed; it was making a loss, and that, combined with the effects of the worsening economic climate and the problems such schools always have in the irregular, and therefore uneconomic, pattern of their intake (their busiest time is *the summer, for instance, and* they have many more morning students than afternoon), made it necessary to reduce the size of the School and let off part of the buildings. He communicated the decision to the head of the teacher-training department (in June 1974) who in*sisted that an assistant being* newly taken on must be told that her appointment was a strictly limited one and would end in November 1974, when the department closed. In September, Mr Lindsay gave formal notice to the head of teacher-training; there is a conflict of evidence between them, Mr Lindsay saying that he *had given no promise* of continued employment unless *there* was a vacancy on the teaching staff, and the teacher-trainer insisting that he had been given an *unconditional* guarantee. But in any case this was lost sight of in the cry of "victimization" (the man was a union official) that was instantly raised. And I do mean instantly; Mr Lindsay's offer to discuss the dispute with the *union, in accordance with* agreed procedure, was ignored, *as was his wish to meet the* whole teaching staff, *and the next thing he knew about the situation was that a broadcasting company was on the phone asking him for a comment about the strike.* (When he asked the organizers why they had not even told him that they were going on strike they replied that they had not had time—but *they had* had time to print leaflets and make banners, which were immediately on show outside the building; the strike had clearly been prepared in advance. The spokesman, who was the shop steward—that is what he asked me to call him in writing about the business, but surely it is still an odd term *to find in a school?*—of the union at the School, says that not telling *Mr Lindsay was* "indefensible" and that they now deeply regret it.)

There was the usual scene at the premises, with Mr and Mrs Lindsay and the non-striking staff having to run a gauntlet of shouts and accusations; the organizers refused to *suspend their action* to enable officials of the union's head office to discuss the situation with Mr Lindsay; the strikers made it clear that they would accept no compromise; and every *detail of the agreement*, which amounted to a complete *acceptance of the strikers'* demands, had to be settled before the School could reopen.

When it did, Mr Lindsay went to the staff-room, shook hands with all the strikers, and expressed his willingness to forget their differences and to *accept the result. But from* then on, he says that the School deteriorated under the "salami tactics" of a group clearly determined to impose their will on the School; and this is no metaphor, for Mr Lindsay says he has been told to his face, during the struggle, that he is "only" the "legal owner" of St Giles. (He is, and always has been, also a practising teacher.)

No issue was too small, or too manifestly groundless, to be used. For instance, the School's union members declared that the assistant in the teacher-training department, who had been taken on for a specified, *limited time, the length of her* appointment being made clear to her in advance in writing (and all this at the very proper insistence of the head of teacher-training, who became the focus of the strike), ought to be kept on. Other teachers, appointed in accordance with the School's long-standing *custom (because of the need for* extra, temporary, staff during the summer rush) for even shorter periods, and having understood and agreed to such appointments, began, with the backing of the union, to demand to be kept on indefinitely when their appointments *ended. The kind of threatening* language met with in other militant industrial action was used: in one issue of the union news-letter, for instance, there was an announcement that the Branch Secretary had had a meeting with the Secretary of the Association of Recognized English Language Schools, and the statement went on:

The meeting was arranged to find out if the AREL Schools will be acting as a united body in negotiations with MATSA or are they prepared for MATSA to pick them off one-by-one. We find that the procrastinations we are experiencing at the moment leads (sic) *us to think that there is a need for us to adopt a more militant approach as it would appear that a "gentlemanlike" approach is not appreciated . . . If nothing positive has happened by . . . 15th July, then THE GLOVES ARE OFF.*

It is worth emphasizing that, before May of last year when the campaign began, there had been no industrial trouble of any kind at St Giles in all its 20 years, and the School's rates of pay and hours of work were among the best in the the field. Yet when Mr *Lindsay offered a new* and higher salary scale, and was *told by teachers he had* approached with it that they considered it generous he was told that a negotiating committee had been formed (it was largely composed of the militants), and they rejected the new scale unless it included a "threshold" agreement for an extra 11 per cent for every 1 per cent increase in the cost of living. This was even beyond what MATSA was demanding, and it was MATSA officials who eventually, called in by Mr Lindsay, had to persuade the School's union to accept a compromise figure.

Things got steadily worse. Mr Lindsay, and the Head of the Foreign Languages Department, found that it impossible to dismiss staff, no matter how *full the notice or generous the* terms given, or how unsuitable their work, as the union would not allow it. After one dispute involving a part-time teacher who had been told (well in advance) that she could no longer be guaranteed 20 hours of teaching a week, such pressure was brought to bear on the Head of Foreign Languages *that she could not stand any* more of it, and submitted her resignation. The standard contract of employment for all staff was rejected virtually *in toto*, even including such clauses as "The teacher undertakes to be bound by the regulations from time to time *in force at the school and will* well and faithfully and to the best of his/her ability carry out the duties assigned to him/her". Even the management's right to have some say (in consultation with the staff, of course) in the dates of holidays—particularly important in so "seasonal" a profession—was declared unacceptable.

An interesting example of the kind of demands being made *is provided by a draft submitted* as the basis of a code of procedure for "employees who become liable to disciplinary action because of failure to meet the standards prescribed by the school rules with regard to conduct, attendance and job attendance". It laid down a series of procedures so elaborate and prolonged that it *would have been virtually im*possible under them for any *employee to be dismissed for* any cause, however outrageous the behaviour. As:

. . . . the normal action in the first instance of a failure to meet agreed standards is an informal verbal warning . . . a similar failure to meet agreed standards will *justify a first formal written warning* from the head of department, who shall record in writing a brief account of the incident and of the action to which the employee will be liable for a subsequent failure to achieve standard . . . the staff representative will, *if the employee* wishes, be present when a first formal written warning is given . . . a further occurrence of a similar failure to meet agreed standards will justify a second formal written warning from the head *of department, who shall record in* writing a detailed account of the incident and inform the employee concerned that recurrence may lead to dismissal with notice . . . *the staff representative will, if the* employee wishes, be present when a second formal written warning is given . . . a further occurrence of a similar failure to meet agreed *standards will not lead to instant* dismissal—the employee concerned will be suspended without prejudice *pending a joint* inquiry . . . the inquiry may *recommend* (a) case not proven, (b) suspension (1-5 days without pay) or (c) a final formal written warning. . . .

And the draft blandly concludes: "Nothing in this agreement prejudices the right of an employee to take a case of 'unfair dismissal' to the Industrial Tribunal" (which prompts the reflection that an *employer who had to go* through all that and then *managed to dismiss an employee* unfairly, or indeed at all, would be a bloody genius).

The breaking-point came when Mr Lindsay finally announced the decision he had first raised with the staff eight months before—the reduction in the size of the School, and the letting of part of the premises. This meant that five temporary (or "supply") teachers, all on specified short-*term contracts*, would leave the School at Easter. At this, Mr Lindsay says he was told that he would not be "allowed" to reduce the school in size. (This, too, is denied.) He then finally decided that he had no alternative but to close the School down, or to see it turned into *something that was nothing to* do with the ideals with which he had founded it and for which he had laboured for 20 years.

Mr Lindsay has taken pains to see that as many students as possible are accommodated in similar schools, and will, of course, be ready to give references and recommendations, as appropriate, for the staff. There being a number of reputable schools seeking further students and qualified and acceptable staff, it is unlikely that there will be any serious hardship resulting from the closure. But it represents the destruction (I may add that I have known Mr Lindsay—normally a most equable man—for most of my life, and was appalled at the haggard appearance he presented when I met him towards the end of the story) of something that was valuable to the community and rightly cherished by those who had created it and built it up. I do not suppose, and do not think that Mr Lindsay does, that anybody set out to destroy the St Giles School deliberately or for the sake of destruction; *no* doubt there was a genuine belief that Mr Lindsay was "only the legal owner". He thinks it possible, too, that *some* may have had the idea of turning it into a "workers' cooperative"; they now plan to use their experience as it is to start a school of their own elsewhere. (Opening, they say, next week!) No doubt some people believe that the kind of tactics employed were justified, that employers should have no rights against employees, but the latter should have total rights against the former, that the militant teachers have nothing to reproach themselves for.

The loss of the St Giles School of languages will not cause the nation to collapse in economic ruin or lead to an outbreak of cannibalism in Oxford Street. Mr and Mrs Lindsay and their children will not starve, and soon the entire episode will be forgotten. And yet perhaps it would be a good idea if it were not forgotten, but recognized as a microcosm, and a portent, of something far larger than any of the issues directly involved. At any rate, that is how I cannot help *regarding* it, and I think that others might do well to ponder on its implications. And that is my excuse for demanding today so great a ration of this paper's space, and of my readers' time.

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Getting the guidelines right for a convincing referendum

The *procedures for conducting* the European Community referendum, to be debated in the Commons on Thursday will greatly influence the political significance of the resulting ballot. If the verdict of the referendum is to be accepted by the losing side as well as by the winners, the *referendum* must be considered a fair and *full statement* of public opinion,

The wording of the ballot question offers no ground for a charge of unfairness. The Government proposes to ask people to respond yes or no to the simple question: "Do you think that the United Kingdom should stay in the European Community?"

To have a full expression of public opinion, the referendum *must* secure a *high turnout of* voters. A turnout as high as a *general* election could not be scorned by MP's. But a turnout at the local election level of 25 to 49 per cent could be dismissed as failing to represent the views of more than half the electorate.

campaigners *will have* a much harder job securing a *full turnout* at the June referendum than for a general election. In 1970, the last time a June ballot was held, the turnout was 72.0 per cent the lowest since 1935.

The bulk of party organi*zations cannot be counted* upon to conduct a nationwide *canvass of the electorate*, knock up voters on polling date, or send cars around housing estates reminding people to be sure to vote. The absence of a constituency count of the vote means that MP's and their constituency parties have no incentive to show a high turnout *in* the referendum's *ballot*.

Whatever decision the special Labour Party *Conference* takes on April 26, the party will remain badly divided on the EEC issue, and Labour's debilitated constituency organization will be further crippled by this split. An MP may encourage his supporters to do little, rather than canvass on opposite *sides of the issue dur*ing the referendum campaign. *The Liberals will have little to* contribute, being exhausted from the expense of two elections in 1974. Only in Scotland might there be a major partisan canvass: the SNP is committed to campaign against membership, because it is a "British" membership.

The Conservatives will have to decide whether to commit *their organizational resources*, the most substantial of the major parties, in the referendum campaign. To do this would not only encourage turnout but also call attention to divisions within the ranks of their *labour* opponents.

Mr Wilson faces a dilemma. *If he tries to restrict* appearances on television by his senior ministers, he will deflate media coverage in the campaign, by depriving it of statements from names who are sure to make news. This, in turn, will depress turnout and reduce the significance of the referendum results.

To encourage ministers to speak their minds is to publicise divisions within the Cabinet on the major issues facing the country. Headlines about *Labour's split would probably* confuse some Labour voters, *and make them stay at home.*

The pro and anti-market *pressure groups operate under* twin handicaps. First of all, voters have no loyalty to these organizations.

To organize a doorstep campaign to get people out to vote is extremely difficult for any ad hoc pressure group without a nationwide mass membership organization. The trade unions are best placed to assist the anti cause—if *they* can get shop stewards to circularize men at *the workbenches with anti-mar*ket leaflets.

If *the Government sticks to* its initial proposals for a London count of all the ballots in the United Kingdom, the outcome will be clear-cut in the formal sense that it can only express the verdict of the whole British people. Since the United Kingdom is either all *in* or all out of the Community, there is a justification for such an arrangement.

But a single United Kingdom count would only fuel controversies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; in the absence of official figures, anyone disappointed by the UK total could claim that 100 per cent of his "*nation*" had voted *the oppo*site of the English.

A count by *administrative* counties or their counterparts *elsewhere would not only show* how the four parts of the United Kingdom voted, but also make clear differences within each area. If the final verdict is as clear-cut as the Irish referendum, in which 83 per cent voted in favour of community membership, these differences would probably reflect degrees of pro-Community sympathy.

If the outcome is a rejection of membership by 53.5 to 46.5 per cent as in Norway, more detailed counts would undoubtedly show local or regional majorities on opposite sides in all parts of Britain.

If Mr Wilson wishes to end 14 years of uncertainty in Britain and Europe and almost as many years of dispute within his own party, then he will take *decisions* that will encourage the fullest vote in the referendum—and the most clear-cut result.

Richard Rose

Raymond Fletcher

Are cheap returns to space necessary?

How, and in what circumstances, I found out that Senator Barry Goldwater and I are likely to become the best of *buddies in 1976, managed to* mislay a Labour MP in Main Street, Disneyworld, and duly reported the loss of its turn-of-*the-century City Hall, talked* politics with a lady taxi-driver who once worked for the CIA and took two dives, fully clothed (except for shoes and wallet), into a Florida swimming pool is not news.

If my reporting of these incidents served any purpose other than to introduce what otherwise might be a dull disquisition on Euro-American activities in aerospace, this *newspaper's man in Washing*ton would have been on to them and dutifully filed a story. As it is, I am in no danger of breaking my unwritten, handshake agreement with working journalists that even if I stumble on to (or dive into) anything like hard *news I do not write it.*

But a few words of explanation *are in order*. Barry Goldwater, of course, is an airship enthusiast; and since he is the senior Republican member of the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, and carried considerable weight elsewhere in Washington's astonishingly well-in*formed political universe* (to call it merely a world is inadequate) his confident prediction that modernized flying ships will be in the air within two years raised my spirits rather higher than the ships will raise cargo.

I am not really digressing. Three of the 80 questions that members of Western European *Union's committee on aero*space were sent to Washington to ask the Senate, the State Department, the Defence Department and other agencies in the aerospace business were on Mr Goldwater's currently favourite subject "Asking me about airships", he told us, "*is* like *asking* me to talk about my grandchildren".

The *Labour legislator I care*lessly mislaid, after discovering *that he is an expert on* Dixieland jazz, steel bands and was once a contender for a ballroom dancing championship, was Mr Frank Tomney. I did not lose him deliberately. We managed, in fact, to get on much better in the United States than we have ever done *in either Paris or Strasbourg*. The diving was done (as they say in one of the television chocolate commercials) just to please a lady and her young son.

So much for trivia, and out into space. Britain and other European countries are already out there, of course. Not *all* the satellites put into orbit by American launchers are American. But, so far, every European effort to go it alone by developing an independent launching capacity has failed. Yet, out of the debris, we have finally organized a European Space Agency which is building the spacelab that will *eventually* carry non-astronauts—such as scientists and *engineers—out there*.

They will go far less expensively than the moon-explorers went. Nearly all of the complicated rocketry used in 1969 was burned to cinders as it fell back into the atmosphere. What is now being developed is a space shuttle, the larger part of which will go up and come down like an aeroplane. Space *travel will never become quite* so simple as air-hopping between London and Castle Donington; but the era of the (relatively) cheap 30-day return is about to begin.

But why? Are there not other uses for the fantastic ingenuity that produced a recording device, smaller than a shirt button, that can tape *the equivalent of no less than* 12 albums of long-playing records? Cannot the miniaturization techniques that give Nasa an electronically operated laboratory no bigger than a minister's dispatch box that can do work which, if earth-bound, would take up more than half the space now occupied by all the members of the House of *Commons be put to better use?*

Most members of my party would answer such questions in the affirmative. I do so. I regard the exploration of space as justifiable in its own right (as was the ascent of Everest).

But there has already been a useful spin-off. A system used in American textile mill, for *example, and now installed in* four other countries, including Poland, increases *productivity* by between 2 and 6 per cent. It was a by-product of multiplexer circuit devised for the instrumentation built for the Saturn rocket. The chnical means used by four merican states to implement ti-pollution laws come direly from the computer models used in the Apollo programme.

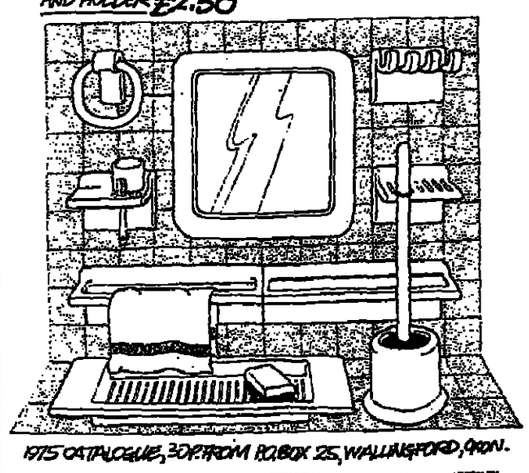
On my desk, indeed, is a list I obtained from Senator Moss's staff (he is chairman of the Senate committee) containing 413 separate terrestial benefits from work done in outer space. And we are only at the beginning of assessing earth's resources by satelite, and utilizing what has been learned from space medicine.

There is something else that can be tackled only if we (and *the collective pronoun in*cludes Europe) start up there. The sun creates more energy in a second than man has used since civilization began. We must find out how to tap that on a large scale.

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The Times Diary

A child's guide to student politics

About 1,250 members of the National Union of Students moved into the North Wales *resort of Llandudno* at the weekend. They are discussing, among other things, student housing, grants, education spending cuts, sending aid to Communist-controlled parts of Vietnam, sexism in sport, homosexual rights and the Common Market.

They have also been electing officers for the coming year. That is always an exciting time in student politics. Candidates come from a multitude of political parties which exist only among students. Stuart Reid went up to pick his way through the political undergrowth. He reports:

By global standards, student politics are rooted firmly in the Left. The terms Left and Right change their normal meanings when used by students. "The Right begins with the Labour Party", said a reporter from a Glasgow student newspaper, reflecting a widely held view. There seem to be five main groups representing the Left, and two from the Right. Here is a guide to them:

The Broad Left: Members include Communists, Marxists and *Left-wing Labour supporters*. Advocates a peaceful transition to Socialism, though some followers believe that peaceful transition has its limitations.

National Organization of Labour Students. More militant than the Broad Left, especially on student grants. Believes no great changes can be made in education until capitalism ends. Supports Labour Party, but presidential candidate Jeff Cuthbert describes himself as a Trotskyite Marxist.

National Organization of International Socialist Societies. Believe the NUS is not sufficiently activist: that a place on the NUS executive has become simply a stepping stone for a career.

Young Socialists Student Society. A Workers Revolutionary Party organization. Trotskyite and strongly anti-Labour, described by its detractors as strident. Condemns "the fake left Stalinist leadership of the NUS and their hangers-on in the International Socialists and International Marxist groups."

The Revolutionary State. The student wing of the International Marxist Group. Traditional enemy of the WRP. Claims the economic crisis in education *and elsewhere is the responsi*bility of employers and the *state*.

And on the Right . . .

Union of Liberal Students. Libertarian Socialists who deny *they are on the right*. Believe NATO is counter-productive. Detractors say *their members* include Thorpeites and one Whig.

Radical Action Group. To the right of the former, though their representative, Andrew Vallance-Owen, is a Labour voter. Advocates greater concern about student affairs and less about international affairs.

Yesterday, three of the four full-time posts were filled by Broad Left candidates. The fourth went to Hugh Lanning, an independent Socialist. The new president is Charles Clarke, who describes himself variously as a Marxist and a *Tribune* Labourite.

The two other representatives returned as council members were Alastair Stewart (a non-aligned Marxist, re-elected as deputy president) and Sue Slipman (National secretary). *Miss Slipman is a Communist* and the first woman to gain a full-time post on the national executive. Here's wishing them a militant new year, full of purposive in-fighting.

Evenin' all

The Lord Mayor entertained a throng of policemen and their wives at *Guildhall on Monday* night, to celebrate the 25th *anniversary of the International* Police Association. Delegates from more than 30 countries have brought colleagues and friends to watch them at work.

The association was founded by an English constable, but has no official standing in Britain. "A lot of these foreign lads will be here on paid time, and some with assisted passages", said a constable from R Division. "But we have to do it all in our own time, and it can be a lot of work. Last week I had to arrange a week's pro-gramme in London for a party of Italians. I got them into Madame Tussaud's for nothing, *and down to a strip club in* Soho, but it all takes time, you know."

The invitations stipulated evening dress or military uniform, and some of the guests say they had been advised that police uniforms were not socially acceptable wear. Many were worn, however, and one Spaniard came in his motor cycle boots. Germans in mufti sported huge velvet bow ties, and the Nigerians wore embroidered tribal gowns, because they are not allowed to take *their uniforms out of the coun*try.

Bad Taste

Yet another restaurant guide will be published shortly, to disagree with all the others. James Sherwood's *Discriminating Guide to London* differs from its rivals not only in its verdicts but also in having the boldness to print lists of the establishments to which it disapproves.

Sherwood is a high-living American shipowner, and the comments in his guide deliberately dent some famous reputations. Simpson's-in-the-Strand ("waiters like vaudeville actors"); Wiltons ("middling to below average"); *the White* Tower ("pretentious menu . . . *and long waits*"); La Toque Blanche ("as under-staffed as it is overrated"); Maison Prunier ("probably frequented by your elderly friends") all feature in a section called "Not for Us", despite their inclusions and awards in the Good Food, Egon Ronay and AA Guides.



Sherwood was similarly disapproving of the Ritz Dining Room, which has closed while he was going to press, and has *condemnatory* remarks for another 20 well-known London restaurants. The *ones* he liked best were the Capital Hotel, Carrier's, Le Gavroche and Waltons.

Spine-tingling

There were two surprising things about this year's 3M Young Poet Awards, which were presented by Joyce Grenfell in London yesterday. One was that two schools provided two each of the six prize-winners. The other was that all six were girls.

The schools scoring double successes were Avoch Primary School in Ross-shire, whose Isobel Patience (11) and Kate *Bevan-Baker (11) took first and* second place in the junior section; and Wellingborough County High School in Northants, whose Catherine Payne (15) and Kaye Tompkins (17) respectively won the secondary and senior secondary sections.

Wellingborough has a good record in previous years of the competition, and the explanation seems to be that it and Avoch have particularly good poetry teachers.

The sexual bias was explained by John Welch, senior staff inspector of the Inner London Education Authority, who was one of the three judges. "Girls are generally better than boys at English up to the age of 17 or 18", he said.

Everyone agreed the standard was high, though Miss Grenfell, in her best St Trinian's manner, regretted that too few of the poets had succumbed to the discipline of rhyme. She also told a touching tale about her friendship with Walter de la Mare, who, like A. E. Housman, said he could feel a good poem in his stomach. Miss Grenfell disagreed, saying that in her case the tell-tale sign was a tingling of the spine.

Today's prize obfuscation is from an estate agent in Letchworth, Herts, who described a house as "deceptively spacious".

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HE ORPHANS OF VIETNAM

etnam has been called the st television war, a war that brought home to everyone the *rrors of fighting, the despair* d suffering of innocent civil- ıs, and the appalling destruc- eness of the modern inventions war. For a dozen years past the tress of this single country has en constantly illuminated. The pact of television is immediate, *en explosive. Emotions are* ectly and seemingly naturally oused. The collapse in South etnam has magnified all that nt before in the long files of *ugees and the cruel conditions* panic.

Only in the past week has a lden burst of *emotion* gathered and the plight of Vietnam's ffering children. Unlike all the ier emotions this one prompted ion, and in a moment airlifts re organized and sweeping res- operations were hurriedly put train. *Already that burst of* otion is dying away. It was ocked by the tragedy of last iday's air crash. It has been trained by the South Viet- *m Government's action. And it* collapsing most of all in face second thoughts over the relief posed. That the emotions were uine and praiseworthy in in- *tion must be allowed.* At all ies small children are likely to mulate such feelings of pity by ir distress. They are helpless ; y are innocent ; by their ure they are appealing ; and in h a tragic country they have med the more deserving than ildren elsewhere.

Unhappily such emotions may *vitiated by concealed assump-* ns. Are these infants being cued from "communism" and the action thereby the more noble? How much guilt lies behind the generous gestures? There is a common danger that *sentiment can serve as a screen* for patronage and a patronage that will only too probably be ephemeral. Or one may put it bluntly and ask whether such a "baby *airlift" must not seem* insulting to the Vietnamese—to all Vietnamese of whatever political colouring. Those puzzled by the Vietnamese resentment over the western rush to extract planeloads of infants must have gained little understanding of the feelings that have fuelled anti-colonialist nationalism all over the world in the past thirty years. Why should the Vietnamese be deficient in care for children? No one doubts that circumstances are inimical to *such care just now but that does* not justify the ill-conceived rescue operations that were being proposed last week.

To come closer to the actual problem, it is obvious that coolness and practicality should *accompany charity.* Questions need to be asked. Are these children's lives at stake? Not from a communist victory as such. Lives are certainly at risk for *medical reasons of disease,* injury or neglect. But if help is to be given in such cases it can best be done through western aid by those special agencies that have sent trained staff to Vietnam to give their own devoted service. Such aid is usually unsung but it is the better for that and it saves lives most effectively.

The more common emotion and a most dangerous in face of suffering children is the desire to adopt one. There is the rewarding belief that the child will be pulled out of a disagreeable background to be given the benefits of a better one. This is *where self-examination* is necessary lest emotion should disguise all the pitfalls. What thought is given to the problems of adolescents brought up in a cul*ture so different from the one* they sprang from? That can be crippling. Moreover there are plenty of needy children—often of mixed parentage it is true—*who have been born in Britain* and need adoption or fostering. Furthermore the assumption that so many of the Vietnamese children are orphans and thus *beyond all help except from out-*side overlooks the strength of the extended family in a culture such as Vietnam. Given peace and a return to normal life many of the infants caught in the swirling tide of war may find salvation from relatives if not from either of their natural *parents.*

Where American guilt may reasonably be assuaged and where others may justifiably offer help is in the care of *children of mixed parentage.* Thousands in Vietnam were fathered by American soldiers—black as well as white. Their fate is much less assured even when social prejudice does not tell against them. To take these *infants away from the circum-*stances that brought them into the world to countries where the past will not hang round their necks would be of service—given firmness of intent. In such cases, and in some others where mature *consideration may justify it,* outside help can be offered. But publicity should be avoided. Vietnam is not a country over which western charity should *vaunt itself.*

RITAIN ON THE FAST LINE

fore rail travellers cramped or layed as a result of the last dustrial dispute congratulate emselves too much at the news at it has been settled, they may re to reflect that all their suf- rings were *only over a side* sue. The main clash may still to come. Like the signalmen's tion a few weeks ago, the over- ne ban by maintenance super- *sors expressed the grievance of* minority group of railway rkers who felt that they were rd done by in last year's major y restructuring exercise. It k place at *the same time as* re momentous negotiations er the industry's annual pay im, in which the British Rail- y Board's offer stands at about per cent, while the railway- n's hopes are set on 35 per nt.

The separate action of the rkshop supervisors was not narkable in an industry where ferent groups are represented several unions, between which ere is often a more or less ert rivalry. Other categories ve similar claims which they y press if they judge that the pervisors' action was worth ile—a factor which has com- icated the negotiations, already fficiently complicated by the ct that the workers directly ncerned included members of less than five unions.

The wider question of railway- en's pay is far more significant. ey seek to gain a settlement mparable to what the coal iners gained. The power rkers succeeded in the same attempt last week, in an agreement whose inflationary tendency *moved even Mr Foot's Depart-*ment of Employment to say a rare word of disapproval. These events have given an extra importance to the railways in the *process of stepping back* from the miners' terms to a level applicable to the rest of the community. The special position of the miners is shared to a lesser degree by *the power workers and to some* degree by the railwaymen too. Traditionally there has been a relationship between the pay of surface workers in the mines and certain grades of railwaymen (it is noteworthy that the miners' union found the coal board most resistant to its claims in just these categories). In turn, railway work can be directly compared with a wide range of other jobs. If it is to be paid 30 per cent more, the pressure for that to become the general target in the private as well as the public sector will become almost irresistible.

But the railwaymen are not in as strong a bargaining position as the miners or the power workers. The service they provide is less essential, and the danger of a large increase rebounding on themselves is *more apparent. A moment when* transport policy shows some signs of retreating from its emphasis on the advantages of rail is no time to be driving fares *upwards unduly. Although the* NUR responded to the British Railways Board's recent talk of bankruptcy with all the characteristic confidence of public sector workers in the unlimited availability of funds to maintain the services they provide, the railways today are very far from being immune to the forces of the market.

Recent events have tended to reinforce the impression that the public sector is providing the decisive impetus in wage inflation at the moment. Its workers are to varying degrees exempt *from the pressures that the state* of the economy imposes on commercial enterprises. It is true that the national agreement on a minimum rate for engineering workers is as high as anything in the public sector, but its effects are likely to be modified by local bargaining in the light of economic reality. But inevitably exorbitant public sector bargains influence the rest ; it is time that the Treasury's methods of controlling public spending took fuller account of the cost of wage increases.

For rapid wage inflation in the coming year is likely to damage Britain's interests even more than it has done up to now. While the rate in Britain moves up again towards the levels of last year, inflation in the rest of the world is slowing down. United States economists expect their domestic rate to be down to five per cent by the end of the year. Unless wage increases here fall back at least to a level comparable with the rise in the cost of living, Britain will suffer a further sharp decline in the pound, with the effect that will have in accelerating inflation further.

HE WINE WAR IN THE WINE LAKES

ıe French Government has early violated the Treaty of ome by suspending Italian wine ıports. Now, abiding by the tter of the treaty, the Commis- on has begun legal action to ing France before the Euro- an Court of Justice. This is iat the Italians have asked for. it before the issue reaches the urt the French have time to ply to the charges. Further- ore the agriculture ministers the Nine will be discussing the itter at an emergency meeting xt week. This means that the ıpute will almost certainly be olved on a political level ther than in the court.

This will dismay those who elieve that if the Community is mean anything the Treaty us be strictly enforced. Others ill be reassured to find once gain that there can be a big ifference between theory and ractice in the workings of the ommunity, and that when real difficulties arise it is the politi- ians rather than the Eurocrats who are called in to find a solu- ion. Either way it says some- hing about the Community that eighteen years after the Treaty was signed and five years after Italian wine was first allowed to circulate freely one member can still be found raising barriers against another. The nation state is still alive and kicking. This may be some comfort to British fishermen and farmers who worry about the British *Government's ability to defend* their interests.

There is now a glut of wine in *Europe, largely because there* have been two bumper harvests in France and Italy but also because Italy has been pushing hard to replace Algeria as *France's chief source of cheaper* wines, while French wine producers have been suffering a fairly severe drop in income after the boom of two years ago.

Thus there is a short-term problem of disposing of about 500m gallons of surplus wine, and a long-term problem of achieving a better balance between supply and demand, quality and quantity, in an industry notoriously difficult to control, especially in Italy. The current surplus could be sold at subsidized prices outside the Community, mainly to the Soviet Union, but member governments have unhappy memories of how the public *reacted when their taxes were* used to subsidize the sale of *200,000 tons of butter to the* Soviet Union in 1973. They do not wish to repeat the experiment if they can help it. They therefore seem more likely to distil the wine for industrial purposes, which costs more but is more easily understood.

But the wider problem remains. Butter mountains and wine lakes are part of the price which Europe pays for a common agricultural policy which was intended primarily to protect the producers but which also helps to stabilize prices for the consumers. They create problems, but they are not the end of the world and they must be balanced against other stresses which they avert. The present dispute shows how a chain reaction of discrimination can start when one member reverts to protectionism. But it also shows the Community and its member governments struggling imperfectly but not ineffectually to reconcile national and community interests.

Too many administrators

From Dr Andrew Millar

Sir, We read that the Royal Air Force is to lose 300 pilots and a *number of senior technicians. No* administrator will lose his job.

Are we not a bit top-heavy in *administrators generally? As non-*productive workers, their numbers surely should be kept to the minimum compatible with efficient working. *As a war-time squadron* commander I recall that the RAF functioned effectively with a very small proportion of administrators, who were under the control of the aircrew branch.

In the reorganization of the National Health Service, the main result has been a proliferation of *administrators with large salary in-*creases. Some hospital administrators have had their pay increased from £6,000 to £9,600, with no real change in their work. In one hospital their first act was to allocate £36,000 for up-grading their offices. Nobody has yet suggested reducing the number of hospital consultants, but this would be comparable with the action which is being taken *against the Royal Air Force.*

Yours faithfully,
A. P. MILLAR,
Benson,
Oxford.
March 29.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financing local government

From Sir Meredith Whittaker

Sir, Thank you for your leader "A *much abused tax*" (April 5). At a time when local government has been coming in for so much ill-informed criticism, not only from ratepayers, who can be excused their unfamiliarity with a complex subject, but also from some newspapers, who can not, it is refreshing to read such well-reasoned argument, without necessarily accepting all your conclusions.

You are right to emphasize that "the main reason why spending has gone up is that local government has constantly been obliged or urged to take up extra tasks or raise the standard of its services". I would say that broadly speaking this is what the people of this country want. There is no discernible lobby *against the Chronically Sick and Dis-*abled Persons Act or the recent *proliferation of consumer protection* legislation, or in favour of larger school classes, diminished social services, or smaller police forces. Vague general calls for "restraint" are superficially popular, but it is not surprising that they should be relatively ineffective. They always will be until the "restrainers" say specifically what they would cut and what would be saved thereby.

It is true that the cost of new policies is all too often inadequately assessed by those who campaign for and those who ordain them, and I fervently echo your advocacy of "more coherent scrutiny of the effects of proposed edicts, and local authorities or their associations *should be more closely involved in* it". The Association of County *Councils have been asking for this* for a long time.

Moving from the cost of the services to the method of meeting that cost, the fundamental trouble is that local government's financial base—charges (mostly but not entirely rents), grants from national taxation and the rates—is too narrow, too inflexible, and too vulnerable to inflation. Local government urgently needs another source of revenue in order to meet its ever-increasing responsibilities and to reduce the extent of its *reliance on regressive rates.*

As you say, almost all the sub*missions to the Layfield Committee* look favourably on a form of local income tax to make good this deficiency, and I suggest that you are wrong to dismiss it as you do. It would indeed "be impossible to set up a myriad local inland revenue offices", but they would not be needed for the local surcharge on income tax (LSIT) advocated by (among others) this association.

The surcharge would be collected by the existing machinery and paid *over by the Inland Revenue. You* exaggerate the difficulties in this "when the employees of any large company live under various councils". If, as we advocate, county councils levied the surcharge, the number of authorities with which any wage-paying point was concerned would usually be quite small.

Some difficulties, of course, there would be; there always are on the introduction of any *new tax*—VAT, for example. But they would be *worth facing as a way out of our* present troubles. Certainly the way *out is not the transfer of whole* sectors of local government responsibilities to central government. That would not cure local government's ailment: it would kill the patient.

Yours faithfully,
MEREDITH WHITTAKER,
Chairman of the Executive Council,
Association of County Councils,
Eaton House,
66a Eaton Square, SW1.

From the Leader of the Greater London Council

Sir, The article in last week's paper by *Mr Boynton* (April 3) *and your* subsequent leader are welcome.

Increasing criticism of *local* government direct and implied from many quarters calls for constructive answers. As Leader of the largest local authority in the country, and *one whose reorganization* set the pattern for the more recent reform, experience of the GLC's first ten years does give grounds for such a reply.

Recent polls conducted by the GLC show that people do understand locally and regionally administered powers to a surprisingly *sophisticated level. Two out of three* respondents in our poll realized that the GLC, not just the boroughs, was the planning authority for major strategic schemes. Similar awareness was shown on how powers were divided between the GLC and boroughs.

What people do find hard to *understand, for example, is why the* number of controlled pedestrian crossings in local authority areas is determined by the Department of the Environment. The same bewilderment and frustration will occur if the recent shift of control of sewage disposal to the non-elected Regional Water Authorities leads to situations where housing schemes given the go-ahead by local authorities are vetoed because the RWA refuses to put in the sewers.

The Scots and the Welsh, by winning for themselves national assemblies, have found an effective solution to the tendency to administer services financed by taxes through what are in practical terms non-*accountable government depart-*ments and public boards. In London, *with a population larger than either* of these two countries, the chances *of such a remedy seem remote.*

What local government should now be fighting for is the right to govern, instead of soldiering on, taking upon itself without complaint the criticisms that fall upon it, as agents of central government. Unless we do this, and quickly, then I have grave fears about the survival of *local democracy as we have known* it in this country.

A substantial amount of local authority spending is financed by the national exchequer and will continue to be. But some 75 per cent-80 per cent of our expenditure is as a direct result of central government policy. Where criticism should be aimed is at the relationship between local and central government and at the uncoordinated demands of government policy on *local resources.*

What the local authority does is to bring geographically and practically the administration of public services closer to people.

But how can we do this—how do we do this—without a viable financial base? The Layfield Committee is currently examining this problem *and the GLC has submitted radical* proposals for reform. But the in*quiry will take time and in the cur-*rent climate of economic discontent who else would take on the duties of local authorities?

Local government has been part of British democracy for many years, it must and can be constantly examined. Such examination today, I believe, shows that too much responsibility has been taken from it in recent years. The more powers administered by local government, the more people have control over their locality and the healthier is democracy.

I agree with Mr Boynton that local government has a unique *contribution to make to our way of* life.

I believe, on reflection, most thinking people would share this view. I join with your correspondent in asking them to now stand up and be counted as supporters of local democracy.

Yours faithfully,
REG GOODWIN.
Leader of the Greater London *Council,*
County Hall, SE1.
April 8.

University teachers' pay

From Professor K. Burton

Sir, It is futile to discuss whether *or not universities* have a monopoly in higher education when they are being *quietly strangled. Of course,* their spending should be prudent but there is no justification for the successive penalties that have been placed on university teachers in both their salaries and conditions of work.

Over several years their pay awards have been well below those given to comparable groups. A highly-qualified young lecturer may now be paid less than a technician with the same age but fewer responsibilities. Yet productivity (measured in student/staff ratios) has been increasing in most departments, work loads are greater because of frozen vacancies, promotion prospects have dwindled and the real money for libraries, research, and essential travel has *been savagely cut.*

An important part of a university *lecturer's duty is to extend his sub-*ject by his own initiative and contributions. Time and money to do this are becoming increasingly difficult to find. University libraries cannot now afford to buy the basic books just to keep abreast of recent developments.

That there has not been a more *public outcry can only be attributed* to the devotion of university *teachers to their work and to their* tradition of public-spirited opposition to militancy. *Many are not* members of a trade union and a large majority of those in the Association of University Teachers voted against joining the Trades Union Congress. They accepted a 7 per cent increase in 1974 although it did little to compensate for past inflation.

The sick joke of 1975 is that the Government has refused the present claim of the AUT because of the social contract! Many of us fear the damage that a growth of trades union militancy would do to the atmosphere needed for creative academic work. Yet this will be an inevitable outcome of the Government's present policies towards universities.

Yours faithfully,
K. BURTON,
Head of Department of Biochemistry,
The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Voice of Opposition

From Mr T. S. K. Yeo

Sir, No doubt Mr Bryan Magee's extensive and long established acquaintanceship with Members of Parliament, which he describes with *such touching pride* (April 2), has isolated him from contact with the real world.

His assertion that the true debate on four critical issues of the day is taking place within the Labour Party rather than between Government and Opposition strains credulity to an extent which must *leave even other left wing academics* gasping in admiration.

Where indeed would the rule of law be now if the voice of Labour backbenchers had been unchecked by the Opposition on matters such as the Clay Cross councillors or the Shrewsbury pickets? Who will restore the freedom of the press, savagely curtailed by Mr Foot with scarcely a murmur from his own *backbenchers, unless it be the* Opposition?

What debate is taking place within the Labour Party on public ownership when a successful company like Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, whose operations so closely conform to the party's stated industrial objectives but which so inconveniently and openly expresses its desire to avoid nationalization, *cannot even obtain a hearing for its* representatives from either the Secretary of State for Industry or his underlings?

Finally, can the squalid struggle *between individuals with differing* interpretations of how to advance *their own private interests over the* issue of the Common Market, a subject on which the Labour leadership has maintained a stance of characteristically mercurial constancy, be graced by the term debate at all?

When Mr Magee has overcome his astonishment at the magnitude of *the Parliamentary buildings,* he should venture outside and seek the answers to these questions from members of the public.

Yours faithfully,
T. S. K. YEO,
12 Brooksby Street, N1.

The EEC debate and party politics

From Lord Bruce of Donington

Sir, It must be a matter for some concern that, despite Mr Heath's exhortation to "raise the question *of our membership of the Com-*munity above the level of party *politics", Sir Geoffrey Howe has* released a letter addressed by him to the Chancellor of the Exchequer warning him of the dangers of introducing a multirate VAT in his next Budget.

After declaring that for smaller *business "multirate VAT would* probably be the last straw", Sir Geoffrey continued "Many people are appalled by the prospect of what you apparently intend to do. It could provoke anger on such a scale that the entire tax collection system might be placed in peril".

Now the shadow Chancellor knows *perfectly well that multirate VAT is* in operation in all the continental *EEC countries and that a simple* directive issued by the EEC Com*mission for application in Britain* could become operative here regard*less of what is willed by Parliament.*

Indeed, in the course of the Lords debate on the self-employed and the professions on March 5 last, I was able to inform the House of an EEC draft directive, provisionally scheduled to come into operation on January 1, 1976, and designated as applicable to the United Kingdom, which provided *inter alia* for the submission of monthly instead of quarterly VAT returns, and a supplementary annual statement; a reduction of the exemption limit on small traders from £5,000 to £1,600 and a substantial broadening of the range of goods and services on which registered traders would not be permitted to deduct input taxes

The value-added tax was initiated by the Government of which *Sir Geoffrey Howe was a member in the* full knowledge of the avowed intention *of the Community to work* steadily towards a harmonization of *VAT throughout member states.* Moreover his party disclaimed any necessity to renegotiate the original terms of entry.

Despite therefore marginal concessions obtained by the Prime Minister in Dublin whereby "the Government can prevent the adoption of any proposal which would *run counter* to their stipulation that there should be no harmonization *of VAT which would require the* taxation of *necessities* (italics mine)" the *expressed intention of* the EEC Commission still remains unimpaired.

Within this context Sir Geoffrey Howe's strident admonition to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to refrain from doing something which the Government is powerless to prevent should the Brussels Commis*sion decide otherwise may be justly* regarded as playing party politics *with a vengeance. It is merely a* party endeavour to saddle the Government with the *odium* resulting from courses of action forced on it by a membership of the EEC which he is advocating, at the same time, the nation should retain—hardly in accordance with the referendum Queensberry rules enunciated by his former leader.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE OF DONINGTON.
House of Lords.
April 7.

Cost of referendum

From Miss Elizabeth O'Kelly

Sir, We are told that the cost of the referendum will be around £9m. Payments to the persons supervising it must account for a large part of this sum.

I am sure that, if the Government were to appeal to retired civil servants and teachers and to the major women's organizations, such as the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the Townswomen's Guilds, suitable volunteers could be found who would be prepared to do *this work without pay to help the* national economy.

Yours truly,
E. O'KELLY,
3 Cumberland Gardens,
Lloyd Square, WC1.
March 27.

Licensing a vehicle

From Mr Patrick Porter

Sir, In *The Times* Diary (April 3) PHS describes as "Misleading" recent advertisements in the press about the new centralized vehicle licensing system based at Swansea.

In particular he takes exception to *the words in the official adver-*tisement "Further relicensing becomes simpler . . . you will be able to use any of the 81 new local vehicle licensing offices set up by the Department of the Environment, or any licensing post office; or you may deal direct with the centre at Swansea by post". PHS then claims that under the old system "you could also use the mails or post *offices, and could choose from 180* local taxation offices, instead of *just 81".*

Unfortunately, PHS's strictures are themselves misleading. It just is not true that people have been able to relicense their cars at any of the 180 local taxation offices. Anyone relicensing his car has been able to use only the one office which served his local authority *area. Under the new system people* have the choice of going to any of *the 81 new local vehicle licensing* offices set up by the Department of the Environment *throughout the* country.

Moreover, although under the old system they could go to a post office, that post office had to be in the area of the local taxation office where the vehicle was regis*tered. Now, once a vehicle is* registered under the new system, *they can go to any licence-issuing* post office anywhere in the country.

Nor, of course, is the purpose of the new system to "simplify life for bureaucrats". The change has been made necessary by the increasing number of vehicles on the roads: six million in 1954 and no less than 17 million today.

In the past vehicle records have been scattered between no less than 180 different local authority taxation offices. Each vehicle's records have had to be transferred when the owner has moved to a new local *authority area. With the growing* number of vehicles this system has *come under increasing strain.* The purpose of centralizing the records is to enable a satisfactory service to continue.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK PORTER,
Department of the Environment,
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre,
Longview Road, Swansea.
April 3.

From Mrs Louise Smith

Sir, PHS reports (April 3) on the *new vehicle licensing system cen-*tralized at Swansea. My experience *of it so far may be of some interest.*

December 18: I took delivery of *a new car.*

December 27: I received the log book from Swansea with a mistake in my address on it. As requested in such a case, I returned the log book with a detailed explanation.

January 10: I received an acknowledgment of my letter.

March 21: Having heard nothing whatever for ten weeks, I wrote to Swansea inquiring when I might receive the log book again. To date, there has been no reply.

Perhaps the new system is really designed to simplify life for the *public by making log books un-*necessary!

Yours faithfully,
LOUISE SMITH,
Fairmead,
Beckingham Green,
Tolleshunt Major,
Maldon, Essex.
April 4.

Britain and Middle East

From Sir John Richmond

Sir, As a humble student of recent history in the Middle East I must protest against the publication of Mr Eric Marsden's *jeu d'esprit* in your issue of April 4. To suggest that the annexation of Sinai was a real option for HM Government after World War One is unworthy of a serious newspaper; and to claim that, if this could have been done, Britain's "moment in the Middle East" might have been prolonged to the advantage of all concerned, is surely sentimental nostalgia carried to absurdity.

Colonel Meinertzhagen had a strong personality and good political connexions, but, as is apparent in the article, judgement was not *his strongest suit. It is a travesty* of history to suggest that he was *right, and all other political officers* of the period blinded by their pro-Arab proclivities; however understandable may be the eagerness of Mr Marsden's Israeli hosts to suggest that everyone was out of step except their Dickie.

Faithfully,
J. C. B. RICHMOND,
20 The Avenue,
Durham City.
April 7.

Power of trade unions

From Mr P. M. Forrester

Sir, Is not Mr Brendon Sewill (April 3) still fighting against the inevitable? Surely it must be accepted that in a democratic society capitalism becomes increasingly ineffective as the less privileged come to realize their collective strength, quite apart from the obsolescence of *industrial capital; and ours is the* oldest industrial society.

In the end an authoritarian government is bound to supersede. The nature of this government, that is to say, the extent to which it represents the choice of the people as a whole, and not simply of an especially ruthless and powerful *minority, must depend very largely* on the wisdom and understanding *with which this inevitable change* of constitution is approached.

Perhaps the last chance for a *diplomatic and conciliatory approach* was finally lost by the various policies of confrontation and defiance put into effect by the Heath *Government; but even now, if* violent revolution can still be avoided, compromise and conciliation and not a new form of confrontation as recommended by Mr Sewill, offer the best hope.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. FORRESTER,
Harrow House,
Charlwood, Surrey.
April 4.

Oldest boat club

From Mr H. M. Stewart

Sir, While I must congratulate Mr A. J. B. Rutherford (letters, April 5) on writing to you 50 years after his earlier letter to claim First *Trinity Boat Club as "the oldest* boat club in either university" I must also add that "it all depends what you mean by a boat club".

There is clear surviving documentary evidence that the Lady Margaret Boat Club was founded in October, 1825, as a properly constituted club with rules, its own eight-oared boat and two crews to man it. If, however, you accept, as Mr Rutherford appears to do, no more *than a crew drawn entirely from the* members of one foundation, then priority should surely go to the predecessor of Lady Margaret Beaufort's foundation.

When in 1511, it became necessary to "remoue from Cambrige vnto Ely *the late fellows of Saynt Iohannis* house yn Cambridge", so that the foundation of Saint John's College might proceed, "they departed from Cambrige towarde Ely the xij day of March at iiij of the clokke at afternoone by water". There were three "feilowes", exactly the crew of a pair-oar with cox.

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your obedient servant.

H. M. STEWART,
c/o The College Office,
St John's College,
Cambridge,
April 7

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 8: The Archbishop of York and Mrs Blanch, the Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs Wilson, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs Martin, His Excellency the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Watt, Sir John Pope-Hennessy and Professor and Mrs John Horlock arrived at Windsor Castle this evening.

The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP, had an audience of The Queen.

The Lady Rose Baring has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Commander William Willett, RN, at the Memorial Service for the Lord Geddes which was held at the Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate today.

The Hon J. R. C. and Mrs Geddes (brother and sister-in-law) were represented by Princess Margaret of Hesse and the Rhine at the memorial service for Lord Geddes yesterday.

Dr *Richard Bayliss deeply regrets* that because of absence abroad he was unable to attend the memorial service for Lord Geddes at the Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate yesterday.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Vivian Wanamaker will be held at 11.30 am today in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1.

Birthdays today

Lord Brooke of Cumnor, 72; Lord David Cecil, 73; Mrs W. G. de Burgh, 100; the Most Rev Domenico Enrici, 66; Senator J. William Fulbright, 70; Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Gordon Lennox, 64; Sir Robert Helpmann, 65; Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, 56; Sir Michael Palliser, 53; Mr Paul Robeson, 77; Professor D. M. Walker, QC, 55.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Cobb was christened Jonathan Alan Blamire by the Rev W. H. Girling, on Sunday, April 6, in St Denys, Stanford Dingley, Berkshire. The godparents are Captain Stephen Cobb, 17th/21st Lancers, Mr David Neep, Mrs Patrick Cobb and Mrs Frances Timms.

Scots win at bridge

Scotland scored an overwhelming victory in the junior home countries bridge international for the Cutty Sark Trophy, staged by the English Bridge Union in Bradford at the weekend (our Bridge Correspondent writes). Playing brilliantly, they defeated Wales 18—0, and in the key match against England, the holders, dropped only one victory point for their most convincing performance to date. England beat Wales 14—4. Placings: Scotland 35, England 15, Wales 5.

Dances and cocktail parties, 1975

A list of some of the dances and cocktail parties arranged to take place during 1975 will be published on May 5. It will be revised and repeated on July 7. The charge for inclusion in one list will be £6 and in two lists £7. Inquiries should be made to Court and Social Advertising, The Times, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ (telephone 01-837 1234 extension 7363).

Luncheons

Ministry of Defence

Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House held in honour of Mr U. H. Bayülken, secretary-general of Cento. Among others present were:

Mr K. A. Aziz Khan, Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, General Sir Peter Hunt, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, Vice-Admiral J. D. Treacher, Mr A. P. Hockaday, the Hon George Younger, and Mr D. Young.

British Council

Dr P. A. I. Tahourdin, assistant director-general, British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel in honour of Dr Basalama, Dean, Medical School, Jeddah, and Dr Nassief, secretary general, King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah.

Receptions

Royal Institute of International Affairs

The Earl of Drogheda and Mr Andrew Shonfield were hosts at a reception held yesterday at the Royal Institute of International Affairs. Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, was the guest of honour.

Design Centre

A reception was held at the Design Centre, Haymarket, last night to mark the opening by Mr W. O. Campbell Adamson, director general of CBI, of the exhibition Terotechnology and Design. Mr Mervyn Under, deputy director of the Design Council, was host. Sir Leonard Atkinson, chairman of the Terotechnology Committee, was also present.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. A. Murray and Miss L. A. Freeman Wright

The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Sir Ralph and Lady Murray, of The Old Rectory, Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire, and Topsy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert *Freeman Wright, of Stapleford* Mill, near Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Mr P. J. Barclay and Miss K. R. Macky

The engagement is announced *between Peter John, elder son of* Mr and Mrs John Barclay, of Aldborough, Norfolk, and Kathleen Rae, elder daughter of the late Donald Rae Macky and of Mrs Macky, of Remuera, New Zealand. The marriage will take place quietly in May.

Mr W. J. Cox and Miss C. A. Christie-Miller

The engagement is announced between Warren J. Cox, of 3111 N Street NW, Washington, DC, and Claire Alexandra, daughter of the late Major S. V. Christie-Miller, of Clarendon Park, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and the late Mrs G. A. M. Vandeleur, of St Edward's Chantry, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr E. R. Holmes and Miss K. E. Saxton

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mrs Holmes and the late Mr E. W. Holmes, of Fovant, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Katharine Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. R. D. Saxton, of Harroway Edge, Keppel Road, Dorking, Surrey, and Somerset House, Bhulabhai, Desai Road, Bombay, India.

Mr O. Oldham and Mrs A. Donald

The engagement is announced between Orlando, son of the late John and Enid Oldham, of Prestbury, Cheshire, and Alison, daughter of Mrs Knapp and the late Rev C. P. C. Knapp, of Chargrove Lawn, Shurdington, Cheltenham.

Mr T. S. M. de Pentheny O'Kelly and Miss F. A. Llewellyn

The engagement is announced between Terence Seamus Molony, eldest son of the late Mr Peter de Pentheny O'Kelly, of Broad Oak, Manston, Dorset, and Swaziland, and Mrs Jeanne de la Poer Sturgis, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Felipa Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Llewellyn, of Charlwood House, Ropley, Hampshire.

Mr S. Shamoon and Miss S. A. J. Mellor

The engagement is announced between Sami, son of Mr and Mrs Shamoon, of Langham Mansions, SW7 and Sarah, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs J. F. C. Mellor, of the Manor House, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr C. S. Simpson and Miss E. M. Orford

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Dr and Mrs O. Simpson, of Wimbledon, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Orford, of Surbiton, Surrey.

Mr R. A. Woolhouse and Miss A. C. Ash

The engagement is announced between Roger Austin, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. A. Woolhouse, of 78 Old Retford Road, Sheffield, and Andrea Christina, daughter of the late Dr A. S. F. Ash and Mrs C. Borley, and stepdaughter of Mr A. P. G. Borley, of 7 The Postern, Barbican, London, EC2.

Mr P. E. B. Arno and Miss L. V. Byrde

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in London on August 2, 1975, between Per Erik Bjorn Arno, of 26 The Woodlands, SE19, younger son of the late Captain Bjarne Arno and of Mrs Hannah Arno, of London, and Lisa Victoria Byrde, of 9 Star and Garter Mansions, Putney, SW15, elder daughter of Mr Michael Byrde, of London, and Mrs John Patton, of Bermuda.

Mr P. J. Chignell and Miss C. Courtney

The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Chignell, of St Andrew's Road, Bedford, and Cynthia, elder daughter of Mr Paul Courtney and the late Mrs Josephine Courtney, and stepdaughter of Mrs Isabel Courtney, formerly of Cheam, Surrey.

Mr J. B. Harcus and Miss G. A. Wood

The engagement is announced between James Brough, younger son of Rear-Admiral and Mrs R. A. Harcus, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Gail Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr C. R. Wood, of Ashley Gardens, London, and Mrs Angela Wood, of Ebury Street, London.

Mr R. Maskell and Miss T. Welch

The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Mrs G. Maskell and the late Gerald Maskell, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Tessa Welch, of 26 Cranbury Road, SW6, only child of the late Mr and Mrs Ernest Welch.

Mr D. R. Paton and Mrs P. Gallegos

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr John D. Paton, of Grandhome, Aberdeenshire, and the late Mrs Paton, and Juliette, widow of Mr Patrick Gallegos, of 8 Campana Road, London, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Burney.

Mr D. R. Pickering and Miss J. O. Crang

The engagement is announced between Donald Richard Pickering, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. B. Pickering, of 31 Argyll Road, London, W8, and Jane Olivia Crang, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. L. Crang, of 37 Fitzjames Avenue, London, W14.

Mr N. B. Rankov and Miss P. G. Moon

The engagement is announced between Nikolas Boris, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Rankov, of Heaton, Bradford, and Peta Ginette, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Moon, of Bath, Avon.

Mr E. P. Serocold and Miss C. M. M. Paterson

The engagement is announced between Edward Pearce Serocold and Caroline Mary Madeleine, daughter of Mrs Joan Paterson.

Mr M. Tinsley and Miss J. E. Riddington

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Tinsley, Hurn Hall, Holbeach, Lincolnshire, and Jane Belinda, second daughter of Mr and Mrs William Riddington, St James's Lodge, Crowland, Peterborough.

Mr B. E. Woodcock and Miss G. H. Sharpe

The engagement is announced between Barrie Ewart, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. D. Woodcock, of Birmingham, and Georgina Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Sharpe, of Salcombe, Devon.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as trustee, attends meeting of Council of St George's House, Windsor, 6.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Royal British Legion Poppy Factory, Richmond, Surrey, 3.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester carry out engagements in Lincoln, 11.45.

Exhibition of watercolours by Joshua Cristall, 1767-1874, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6.

Exhibition of block-mounted prints and posters, Arts Council Shop, 28 Sackville Street, 10-6.

Dinners

Saints and Sinners Club

The Saints and Sinners Club of London held their annual dinner at the Dorchester hotel last night. Mr Cecil Redfern was in the chair. The other speakers were Lord Home of the Hirsel, the American Ambassador, Sir Robert Mark, Sir Edwin McAlpine, Mr G. O. Allen, Mr Percy Hoskins and Mr Phillip Bull. Among those present were:

The Marquess of Tavistock, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Viscount Leverhulme, Viscount Chelsea, Lord Cecil Douglas, Lord Paget of Northampton, Lord Wakefield of Kendal, Lord Hinchingbrooke, Mr Christopher Chataway, MP, the Hon David Montagu, Sir Basil Bartlett, Sir James Carreras, Sir John Hewitt, Sir Trevor Evans, Sir Bernard Delfont, Sir Philip Allen, Sir William Butlin, Sir Randle Feilden, Sir Ronald Howe, Sir Geoffrey Kitchen, Sir Peter Menzies, Sir Frank Schon, and Sir Frank Taylor.

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:

Sir Douglas Wass, Sir Peter Thornton, Air Commodore Alderman and Sheriff the Hon Peter Vanneck, Mr P. W. Carey, Mr P. A. R. Brown, Mr L. Airey, Mr A. Lord, Mr R. C. M. Cooper, Mr N. C. Price, Mr Robert Fell, Mr D. H. C. Leroy-Lewis, Mr J. Dundas Hamilton, Mr C. Gascoigne, Mr P. T. Powell, Mr R. E. C. Powell, Mr P. E. Greenwell and Mr G. J. Chandler.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held a council dinner last night at 17 Bloomsbury Square. The president, Mr C. C. Stevens, presided, and other speakers were Lord Zuckerman and Mr A. Aldington.

South Africa Club

The Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa presided at a dinner given by the South Africa Club last night at the Savoy Hotel.

Marriages

Mr M. R. S. Nevin and Miss M. L. D. Greer

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 5, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Woodland, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria, of Mr Michael Nevin, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Nevin, of The Old Forge, Greywell, Basingstoke, and Miss Lindsay Greer, daughter of the late Bishop William Greer and Mrs M. Greer, of The Old Rectory, Woodland. The Bishop of Doncaster officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Pontefract and the Rev G. Anthony. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Richard Greer, was attended by Mrs R. Pennant-Rea, sister of the bride, Miss Caroline and Miss Mary Nevin and Miss Sarah Stogdon. Mr Peter Gwyn was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

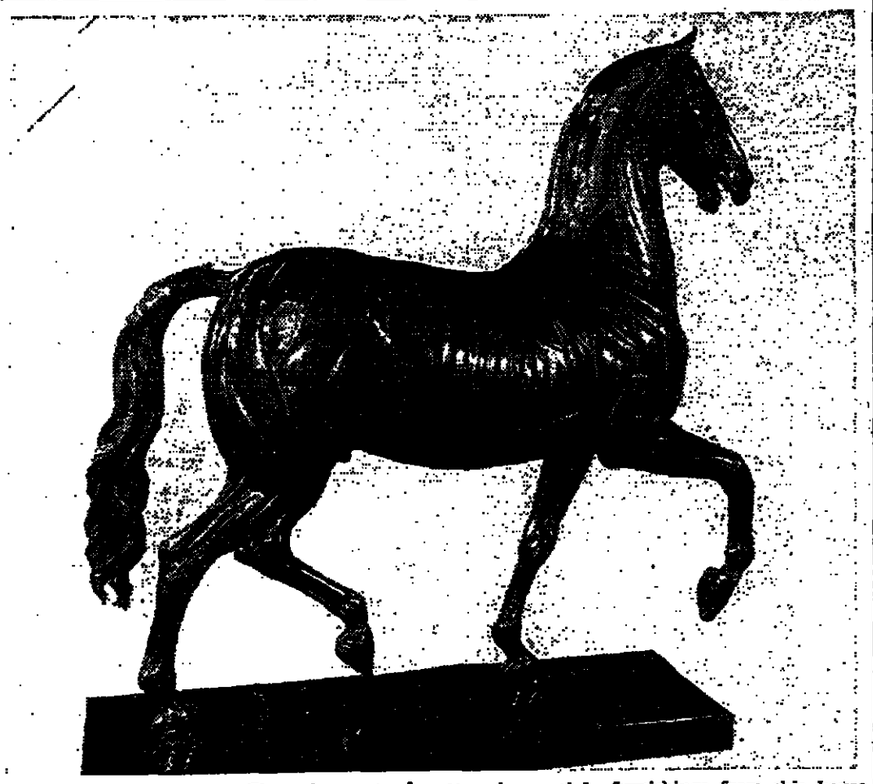
Dr R. A. Willson and Dr B. Dordoni

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 5, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair, between Dr Richard A. Willson and Dr Bettina Dordoni, of Buenos Aires. They will live in Seattle, Washington, United States.

Service dinner

Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (PWO)

The annual dinner of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Regimental Club was held at the Cavalry Club, Piccadilly, last night.



Sale in Monaco: This 90cm Florentine anatomical horse, one of the largest and finest late-sixteenth-century bronzes from the *Bologna-Susini workshops*, is included in Sotheby's first sale to be held in Monaco (our Sale Room Correspondent writes).

The sale, on May 25 and 26, represents something of a social and artistic coup. It is to be *devoted to furnishings and works of art from* the Baron de Redé and Baron and Baronne Guy de Rothschild. The Baron de Redé has recently sold his magnificent seventeenth-century home on the Ile St Louis in Paris to the Rothschilds, though he retains a small apartment. The sale comprises mainly furnishings from this house with a few pieces added by the Rothschilds from *Paris and their country home*, the Château de Ferrières.

The treasures include an exceptional group of furniture by Roentgen, the eighteenth-century cabinet maker, who supplied most of the royal houses of Europe, among them a desk *on which Napoleon is supposed to have signed* the document selling Louisiana to the United States in 1803. There is a pair of ormolu-mounted ivory vases made for Marie Antoinette, and a remarkable set of furniture made for Madame Elisabeth, sister of Louis XVI.

Record £200,000 paid at Sotheby's for Persian oil painting of last century

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The antiques shipping company V. Pearson bid £200,000 at Sotheby's yesterday for a Persian oil painting of the "Fifteen sons and grandsons of Fath 'Ali Shah, standing in three ranks of five according to age". This is the highest price yet paid at auction for any Persian work of art, but Mr Pearson's bid discreetly leaves unanswered the question of where this extraordinary portrait is going.

Last summer £150,000 was paid at Christie's for a seventeenth-century Persian court portrait.

Yesterday's group portrait had been estimated by Sotheby's at £60,000 to £80,000; it was two centuries later in date than that at Christie's, although all Persian oil paintings are rare, and on aesthetic grounds decidedly less interesting. The 15 sons, whose heads only are depicted, can be told apart only by the complexity of their headdresses and the length of their beards. It is believed to be the right-hand portion of a larger work.

The rest of Sotheby's sale was devoted to oriental manuscripts and miniatures. The pattern of prices was very similar to those in the Kevorkian sale on the previous day, with intensive bidding on the best or more attractive lots and fairly predictable prices on the lesser items.

An illuminated Koran written for Sultan Mehmed Fatih (1444-46 and 1451-81) went to an anonymous buyer at £6,500 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000). A miniature of "Annapurna seated astride a white bull" from Mankot, around 1730, went to S. David, an English collector, at £2,200 (estimate £500-£700) while Maggs secured an amusing early nineteenth-century Rajasthan miniature of "Opium collectors" at £38 (estimate £40 to £60). Iranian buyers were once again much in evidence, although bidders from London and Paris secured a good number of lots, leaving unanswered the question of who is buying what for whom?

Sotheby's also held a sale of good English porcelain. A few prices went above those expected but in the main they fell much in line with Sotheby's estimates.

A 4½ inch white figure of a hound from the "Girl-in-a-swing" factory attracted the most intensive bidding, finally selling to P. Cope at £3,600 (estimate £800 to £1,200). Little is known of this factory, and its products used to be classified as Chelsea. Scholars are dividing them out and thus inadvertently raising their market value; before the discovery of yesterday's hound only one other example of the model was known.

Other high prices included a pair of Bow figures of a rooster and hen (1757-60) at £2,500 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500) to Olive-Sutton, and a pear-shaped Lowestoft coffee pot with blue and white decoration at £1,350 (estimate £400 to £600).

A sale of French paperweights at Christie's provided the day's clearest demonstration of a new selectivity that seems to be creeping into the market. The best pieces made top prices while many of the rest did not sell. Rimet paid £2,310 for two weights, a St Louis butterfly and spray weight (estimate more than £2,000) and a Clichy bouquet weight of an apparently unrecorded type (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). A large baccarat faceted bouquet weight, on the other hand, was unsold at £735 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500).

Memorial service

Lord Geddes

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Commander William Willett, RN, at a memorial service for Lord Geddes held at the Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate yesterday. Lord Geddes (son) read the lesson and the Dean of Windsor gave an address and pronounced the blessing. The Rev Stanley Moore officiated. Among those present were:

Enid Lady Geddes (widow), Mr and the Hon Mrs R. E. O. van Koetsveld (son-in-law and daughter), Lady Geddes (daughter-in-law), Clair and James Geddes and Michael, Guy and Dirk van Kretsveld (grandchildren), Princess Margaret of Hesse and the Rhine (sister), the Hon D. C. and Mrs Geddes (brother and sister-in-law), the Hon Mrs A. C. Geddes (sister-in-law).

The Hon Mrs M. K. Geddes, Mr and Mrs A. C. Geddes, Mrs A. J. C. Geddes, Miss Diana Geddes, Mr and Mrs C. Verity, Mr and Mrs D. Kelly, Mr and Mrs H. J. R. Geddes, Miss Jane Geddes, Miss Harriet Geddes, Sir Reay and Lady Geddes, Dr and Mrs D. M. Geddes, Mr F. I. Geddes, Mr and Mrs N. Montagu.

Mr K. I. Geddes, Mr R. G. Chalmers-Watson, Miss M. Geddes, Mrs Simon Agace, Sir Colin and Lady Anderson, Miss Diana Anderson, Lady (Donald) Anderson, the Hon L. S. and Mrs Bligh, Lady (Austin) Anderson, Mr K. R. Anderson, Dr and Mrs Peter Bimler, Mr and Mrs A. Turner, Miss Ruby Clarke.

The Earl of Inchcape, Mr R. B. Adams and directors and staff of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company; Mr G. Andersen (A. P. Moller); Sir Robert Black and directors of the Chemical Medical and General Life Assurance Company; Mr Eric Weiss and directors of Foseco Minsep; Mr J. N. Wood (Chamber of Shipping) and Mrs Wood; Dr Wyman (Westminster Hospital Medical School); Mr R. M. Turnbull (also representing the chairman Lloyd's Register of Shipping); Mr M. J. Verey and directors of Brixton Estates; the Hon Anthony Cayzer (British and Commonwealth Shipping Company); Mr G. A. B. King (representing the chairman and staff British Petroleum Company) and Mrs King; Mr J. K. Kirby (Shell Tankers) and Mrs Kirby; Sir Alexander Glen and remembers of the British Tourist Authority.

Sir Michael Hamilton, Sir John and Lady Thorn Hall, Sir Frederick and Lady Harmer, Mr D. W. Birchall (Southern Pacific Properties), Sir Lindsay Alexander (Ocean Transport and Trading Company), Mr Paul Bacon (Monk Investment Trust), Vice-Admiral Sir William Crawford, Sir Oliver Chesterton, Mr G. St Cross (Department of Energy), Lady Dowler, Mr E. Hall (representing the chairman, Trust Houses Forte), Mr K. W. C. Grand, Mr W. M. Graham (Thomas J. Harrison), Lord Greenhill, Mr George Hitchings (Australian High Commission) Mr H. H. T. Hudson (Lloyd's).

Lord Hastings, Mr and Mrs Gilmour Jenkins, Sir Errington and Lady Keville, Prebendary T. P. Kerfoot (Missions to Seamen), J. P. van Lanschot Smith (Ocean Travel Development), Viscount and Viscountess Leathers, Mrs Reginald Maudling, Mr N. H. Mathews (Bata Shoes Group), Mr A. Mears, Mr Jack Jenkins (Ellerman Lines), Mr A. D. Marris, Mr K. R. Nunneley, Sir John N. Nicholson, Sir Christopher Nixon, Sir Richard Powell, Mr Peter Peddle (Freshfields), Sir Harold Parker, Mr D. M. Robinson (Sing Line), Mr J. McCoy-Oxley (International Shipping Foundation), Viscount Simon, Mr Wilson (Old Rugbeian Society), and Mr Woodbine-Parish (St Thomas Hospital).

RADA nominations

Miss Gillian Seamer, aged 24, was nominated yesterday as the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art's most promising actress of the year, and Mr Richard Cordery, *also aged 24, as the most promising* actor.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev H. P. Burgess, Vicar of Emmanuel, Wylde Green, to be an honorary canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

The Rev P. L. Tong, Vicar of St Andrew's, Islington, diocese of London, to be Vicar of St John's, Welling, diocese of Rochester.

Hairdresser's fight to save pavement café

By Our Planning Reporter

The owner of a hairdressing *salon in Sloane Square, Chelsea*, London, hopes to enlist the aid of a Conservative MP in his efforts to be allowed to retain a pavement café a few yards from the Royal Court Theatre.

The café forms part of a "club" opened a few weeks ago by Mr Richard Conway, who decided that his customers would appreciate somewhere to eat and drink while awaiting the shampoo and scissors. Membership costs 50 guineas a year (free for the first six months) but wine with lunch is on the house.

Although Mr Conway obtained planning permission for a canopy projecting over the pavement, Kensington and Chelsea council has decided that glass partitions, intended as protection from the English spring, are obstructing a public highway and must be removed. Mr Conway hopes that one of his clients, Mr Spicer, MP for Worcestershire, South, will intercede on his behalf.

"If people cannot sit and watch the world go by in Sloane Square, where can they?" he asked yesterday. "It is a silly piece of bureaucracy, and I want to fight it. But I am too old to go to prison."

Law Report April 8 1975 — House of Lords

Lord Reid: an outstanding, progressive judge

Tribute to Lord Reid, who died during the Easter Vacation, was paid by Lord Wilberforce in the House of Lords, in the presence of all the Lords of Appeal in Ordinary. He said:

Lord Reid had retired from the office of Lord of Appeal in Ordinary at the beginning of this year, but illness had already overtaken him so that it was impossible to pay him the tribute of admiration and affection which we should all have wished to express.

He was appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 1948 so that he was already the senior Law Lord when each of us here was appointed. In 1973 we celebrated, together with the Bench and Bar, the 25th anniversary of his appointment and in the time which followed he surpassed the record held by Lord Macnaghten for the longest tenure of his office. He heard at least 500 appeals. In most of them he delivered his own opinion. Only in a small proportion was he among the dissenting minority.

But length of tenure, though remarkable, is not everything. Indeed, it is nothing unless accompanied by maturing judicial quality. It was so accompanied in Lord Reid's case. He was never from the first day here anything but outstanding. He had behind him a brilliant legal career at the Bar of Scotland, a successful period as Solicitor General for Scotland and Lord Advocate, and he established a reputation in the House of Commons as a speaker on national issues.

On joining the Appellate Committee of this House he stepped at once into the front rank as a judge; and as the years went on his reputation grew until, in recent years, he was generally recognized as one of the greatest judges who had ever sat in this House.

It would be impossible today for us to go into the width and depth of his contribution to the law. *The Law Reports* are his memorial and it will be for the legal historians to place his work in perspective.

If one is to sum up the qualities which made him so outstanding as a judge they would lie, I believe, in accuracy of thought and precision of reasoning, broad commonsense, generous humanity, simple and elegant use of language. He was never one to fear criticism or for himself to seek publicity; but he was deeply concerned for the reputation of the law as an institution—a reputation strengthened by the weight of legal science expounded in a way that people could understand.

He was resistant to fashionable trends, but he always saw the law as a moving stream and he kept it moving at a pace unhurried and controlled. He will certainly be seen by posterity as in the best sense a progressive judge.

Our last tribute should, I think, come from us in two capacities. We must all here have appeared before him at some time as advocates and I do not think that anyone will forget the combination of courtesy and devastating acuteness with which he would probe an argument for its weaker points, or at times seek out some strength which we had failed to perceive for ourselves. We would emerge from the ordeal wiser, but, because of his charm and kindness, not sadder men. I believe that one of his achievements will be seen to be the raising by many degrees of the standard of legal debate—a standard which now that he has gone it is our duty to try to maintain.

The other capacity in which we would remember him is as colleagues. We have regarded him for all these years as guiding us with the influence of an equal in status, of a superior in wisdom, commonsense and, when appropriate, imaginativeness. To serve with him has been an education and always a delight. We deeply mourn his passing. The world of the common law has sustained a great loss. We shall not see his like again in our time.

Mr Philip Caplan, QC, said that as a senior representative in their Lordships' House of the Scottish Bar it was appropriate that he should state how much the Faculty of Advocates would want to be associated with the tribute to Lord Reid. As well as being an eminent politician and an eminent judge he was for a number of years the distinguished dean of their faculty, and it went without saying that he would rank among the most illustrious. Members of the Scottish Bar who came down to plead a case before the House could hope for no greater encouragement than to find that they were getting Lord Reid's support. All without exception admired him as a judge of truly great stature and courtesy.

Shorthand writer of distinction

Tribute to Mr Robert Edward Stutchfield, principal of Cherer & Co, court shorthand writers, was paid by Lord Justice James when he presided at the sitting of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court. He said:

Since the court last sat there occurred on April 2 the death of *Robert Stutchfield, a familiar* and respected figure in this court and the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division. He entered the profession of shorthand writers nearly 40 years ago. After a period of active war service, mainly in the Far East with the Royal Air Force, he rejoined Cherer & Co as a junior partner and on the retirement of his father in 1962 became principal of the firm. He held prominent and high office in his profession. He was president of the Institute of Shorthand Writers in 1968 and again in 1971.

His interests extended beyond his profession and the courts. He was active in public affairs and local government matters. He was an enthusiastic and skilful yachtsman. To many he was a very good friend indeed.

But it is for his work and the valuable and devoted service which he gave to the court that we shall remember him. No matter how urgent were our requests, no matter how inconvenient the hour, no matter how slender the material which was available in order to trace the passage required, Robert Stutchfield always provided speedily and accurately the answer. Nothing was too much trouble for him.

From the early stages of his career it was apparent that he was a notetaker of great skill and versatility. The early promise was more than fulfilled. His accuracy and speed were amazing.

The court and those who worked with him and had the benefit of his services over so many years will miss him greatly. To Mrs Stutchfield and their two sons we offer our condolences.

Mr Michael Worsley, on behalf of the Bar, joined in the expression of sympathy.



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OBITUARY

DR W. N. GOLDSMITH

A distinguished dermatologist

Dr W. N. Goldsmith who died on April 4 at the age of 81 was a well-known London dermatologist with a wide knowledge of his speciality and a reputation for the soundness of his opinion. He belonged to an era when a London consultant thought nothing of being on the staff of a number of satellite hospitals in addition to his major appointment on a teaching hospital—a pre NHS custom which ensured that the specialist's opinion was made widely available to a variety of family doctors.

William Noel Goldsmith the son of Ernest Goldschmidt and Bertha Feist was born on Boxing Day, 1893. He was educated at Rugby, Pembroke College, Cambridge and University College Hospital Medical School, London, qualifying in 1918. After two years in the RAMC he returned to London and took his MRCP in 1922, proceeding to his Cambridge MD in 1927.

In 1937 he was elected FRCP. After postgraduate study in Vienna and Breslau as Radcliffe Crocker Travelling Scholar in dermatology he settled in London and was Physician to the Skin Department, University College Hospital from 1932 to 1959. In addition he was on the staff of St John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square, the Italian Hospital, St John's Hospital, Lewisham, the West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, and the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases.

A careful and punctilious writer he was an admirable editor of the *British Journal of Dermatology* for a decade from 1939 to 1948 and his text book, *Recent Advances in Dermatology* published in 1936, provided a comprehensive and lucid review of the advances achieved in the subject since the end of the First World War. It is a sign of the times that while he wrote this book singlehanded its Third Edition published in 1973 has 24 contributors in addition to an editor.

At home and overseas his status was recognized by his fellow dermatologists. In his time he was President of the British Dermatological Association, St John's Dermatological Society, and the Dermatological section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and he was a member of the panel on external radiotherapy of the Adrian committee on radiological hazards to patients.

Overseas he was an honorary member of the Austrian, German, Danish and Berlin dermatological societies and the American Dermatological Association as well as a corresponding member of the Hungarian, Swiss and French dermatological societies. Like many dermatologists he was a keen photographer and, again not uncommon in his specialty, found his major relaxation in music.

MR A. K. LAWRENCE

Sir Thomas Monnington, President, and Mr Sidney Hutchison, Secretary of the Royal Academy, write:

Mr Alfred Kingsley Lawrence, RA, best known as a portrait and figure painter, died on April 5 at the age of 81.

He was born at Southover, near Lewes, Sussex, in 1893, the son of a solicitor. He began his art training at Newcastle-upon-Tyne but, as a young man, served throughout the First World War in the Northumberland Fusiliers before being able to continue his studies at the Royal College of Art, winning a Travelling Scholarship in 1922 and the Prix de Rome in 1923.

His first opportunity for mural painting came immediately when, in 1924, he painted "The Altruists" for the Basilica in the International Exhibition at Wembley and his most important such commissions included "Queen Elizabeth commissions Sir Walter Raleigh to discover unknown lands, AD 1584" for St Stephen's Hall at the Houses of Parliament (1926), "The Committee of Treasury" and other paintings for the new Bank of England (1932) and "The Resurrection" as the altarpiece for the Church of St James's at Beckenham, Kent (1954). He was well-read and, over the years, painted such classical subjects as "Persephone", "Venus" and "Leda" while, at the same time, he produced many portraits, not only in oils but in pastel, pencil and pen and ink, which were greatly appreciated by his patrons.

Lawrence was greatly influenced by the works of Piero della Francesca and his early paintings and decorations show evidence of an almost passionate devotion to certain aspects of this master's genius. His professed aim was to achieve the simple structure of form and a certain grandeur which was his conception of the prime qualities of the Italian Renaissance and he could see no merit in many of the trends of the twentieth century.

He exhibited regularly at the Royal Academy from 1929, being elected an Associate in 1930 and a Royal Academician in 1938; he was also a member of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters. He had a great interest in the theatre and it is probable that, had he become a professional actor instead of painter, he might have become equally successful in heroic roles. His friends will long remember his somewhat sardonic humour and his fine renderings of passages from Shakespeare.

DR STANLEY GILL

Two friends write:—

The whole community of computer people will be saddened by the death on April 6 at the age of 49 of Dr Stanley Gill. He was one of a small band of pioneers who took part in the early development of digital computers. He went up to St John's College, Cambridge in 1944 and in June 1946 joined the Mathematical Division of the National Physical Laboratory where he did his National Service. Here he made a contribution to the development of the Pilot ACE. In October 1949 he went back to Cambridge as a research student and joined the team working on the EDSAC in the mathematical laboratory.

He developed the Runge-Kutta-Gill method for solving differential equations and for this he became well known. He also did pioneering work on methods for the diagnosis of errors in computer programmes. He was a joint author of *The Preparation of Programmes for an Electronic Digital Computer* (1951). This was the first book on computer programming to be published. He was elected a Research Fellow of St John's College in April, 1952 and later went to spend a year as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois.

He would perhaps have liked to remain in academic life but at that time interest in digital computing was confined to two or three universities only and there were no openings. As it was Stanley Gill's career was to be divided between the academic and the business world in both of which he was equally at home and between which he formed a bridge.

He was president of the British Computer Society from 1967 to 1968 having been active in the Society since its foundation, and was a consultant to the Minister of Technology in Jeremy Bray's time. He was never content to be a figurehead, either as President or as Chairman of the executive committee. In those days he virtually ran the Society. One of the things that one remembers about him most was his wonderful knack of making technical issues crystal clear to the layman. In the 1960s he established himself as the articulate voice of advanced programming and wrote some of the most fascinating and interesting papers ever written on the techniques of systems programming.

As a man he commanded the affection of all his colleagues, mainly because he had a delightful nature. All who knew him will remember the gentle quality of his conversations and the clarity of his mind. He will be sadly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him well and to the host of those to whom he expounded his art.

The Rev John Reble, first full-time president of the Canada synod of the Lutheran Church in America, died on Monday. He was 87.

Lady Watkins, widow of Sir Metford Watkins, died on April 6. She was Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel H. K. Umfreville and was married in 1928. Her husband died in 1950.

MISS ETHEL HATCH

Professor Morton N. Cohen writes:—

Miss Ethel Hatch, whose death occurred on April 3, was one of the last surviving child friends of Lewis Carroll. She remembered him well to her very last days and, even at the age of 105, could talk animatedly about him.

Lewis Carroll thought highly of Miss Hatch as a young girl and as a prospective artist. He photographed her a number of times, advised her on her career as an artist, and wrote her many letters. In one that he wrote her in 1884, he tells her that he is sending her a copy of his new book *Rhyme? and Reason?* "I know you are a very good girl", he wrote. "At least all the people who lived in Canterbury Road, and in that neighbourhood, have never told me anything to the contrary, so I say to myself 'Yes!' She does deserve it. She shall have 40 years of happiness!" He concludes the letter with a request: "Please think of me in AD 1924 and believe me. Yours affectionately."

Indeed, Miss Hatch had more like 90 years of happiness after she received that letter and she was able to think of her friend Lewis Carroll as late as AD 1975.

SYED WARIS AMEER ALI

Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP, writes:

Syed Waris Ameer Ali, CIE, who died on April 2 at the age of 88, lived most of his adult life in this country and outwardly was almost as English as the retired Indian civilians of British race. He worked and spoke for Churchill's India Defence League, believing, as did his distinguished father, that a successful provincial autonomy with separate representation of his own Muslim and other communities should precede constitutional advances at the Centre. But this diehard of the British Raj championed and selected in wartime London some of the first Indian King's Commissioned Officers. He did not expect racial prejudice from any gentleman. That was what Judge Ameer Ali was. His love of shooting and sport was common to the two cultures that combined in him—that of public school and University and that which rode with his Islamic ancestors from the heights of Asia to the plains of India. He was a good Muslim, a man of charm and dignity and affection. May he rest well.

MR ARTHUR LISTER

Mr Arthur Lister, FRCS, who has died at the age of 70, was senior ophthalmic surgeon, London Hospital, 1948-70 and ophthalmic surgeon, Moorfields Eye Hospital, 1946-70.

During the Second World War as a lieutenant-colonel he was adviser in ophthalmology 21 Army Group 1944-45, and adviser in ophthalmology, Alfsea 1945-46.

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Johannes Witteveen, aging director of the Inter- nal Monetary Fund, is widely believed by ers and some senior ed States Government offi- to have failed to get loan mitments of $6,000m arly £2,500m) for the d's 1975 oil facility.

nformed sources here said t Dr Witteveen appears to about $2,000m (about 0m) short of his target, er recent discussions with ost all of the major oil oducing countries.

Dr Witteveen today dis- ssed the prospects for the ility and petrodollar re- cling problems in Basle with ding central bankers at the nthly meeting of the Bank r International Settlements.

IMF officials here refused to nfirm or deny reports of the lume of loans Dr Witteveen s so far secured.

The poor response from oil oducers is said by Administr- on officials to be one factor ind a hardening of the ited States Treasury's view t the oil facility must not renewed when its mandate pires at the end of this year.

Without mentioning details current loans to the facility, Charles Cooper, the Assis- t Secretary of the Treasury r International Affairs, told meeting of bankers here on onday that the IMF facility's ransitional role will be com- eted by the end of 1975, by hich time it will be phased ut".

Mr Cooper is accompanying r William Simon, the Secre- ry of the Treasury, to Paris r the signing tomorrow of e OECD agreement establish- g the $25,000m "safety net" nd for major oil consuming untries.

The Treasury believes this nd is likely to play a more portant and more permanent le in aiding the recycling ocess than the IMF's facility.

The Administration con- ues to take the view that e role to be played by offi- al recycling facilities is being aggerated by Dr Witteveen d many European ministers, ch as Mr Healey.

The Treasury has hardened views on this matter as a sult of recent reports by ding American bankers to Treasury on the petro- llar situation.

Bankers have noted clear evidence in the last four months of surplus oil produc- ing countries increasing the maturities of their deposits with United States banks and moving quickly from short to medium-term investments.

The Treasury is also confi- dent that instability in the international monetary system produced by volatile petrodol- lar flows will decrease as the dollar hardens in coming months, as a result of reduced American inflation and the start of a domestic economic recovery. Greater petrodollar flows to the United States are expected in coming months.

The Federal Reserve is believed to share this view. A major worry for some Fed gov- ernors, however, centres on the foreign exchange regulations

The Fed is now pushing hard for domestic regulation to place foreign banks in America on an identical footing with *domestic institutions and it is* also seeking to get other major industrial countries to adopt similar policies.

Fears of banks being greatly weakened by too much foreign lending exposure is no longer as great at the Fed as it was about a year ago.

Bankers maintain that the situation has stabilized because of the longer-term investment policies of Arab oil producing countries and generally more prudent lending policies by major banks.

Mr Alfred Miossi, executive *vice-president and head of the* Continental Bank of Chicago's international division, reflected a now widespread view among bankers here by telling the Bankers Association for Foreign Trade that the future acceptances by banks of petro- dollars would be carefully managed.

Fed pressure has to some extent brought this about and Mr Miossi, who did not admit this, noted that "the accept- ance of petrodollar deposits will depend on their maturity structure".

*While United States Gov*ernment officials appear confi- dent that petrodollar problems are becoming much more manageable and that banks are now acting more prudently, there are still deep concerns about the activities of some major international companies in the foreign exchange mar- kets.

First reading for Bill setting up corporation to handle N Sea output

By Our Political Staff

A Bill establishing the British National Oil Corporation was presented yesterday to Par- liament by Mr *Varley*, Secre- tary of State for Energy. It received its first reading.

The Bill seeks to make fur- ther provision about licences to search for petroleum and about submarine pipelines, re- fineries and the supply and use of petroleum.

Other clauses authorize loans and guarantees in connexion with the development of the petroleum resources of the United Kingdom and payments in respect of loans and guaran- tees by the Bank of England.

Ronald Kershaw writes: The Government's new Bill will seek to set up a British National Oil Corporation financed from a National Oil Account into which will be paid all income from North Sea oil, including royalties. The National Coal Board's oil interests will be in- corporated into the new under- taking, but British Gas North Sea interests will not be affected.

This new corporation will be involved in exploration, produc- tion, refining, transport and marketing. It will hold the state's share of North Sea oil fields and in the next round of licensing, the Government will insist on at least a 51 per cent share of all oil fields. Negotiations to this end are already taking place with exist- ing licence holders. The fact that powers will be sought over the construction of oil refin- eries means that local authori- ties receiving planning appli- cations will not have to wrestle with the problem of whether or not an application is in the national interest. Decisions will be taken by the Government.

The new Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill is un- doubtedly a major piece of legislation. It will seek to change licensing conditions to give the state control over the depletion of supplies, something the Government has no say in up to now. Powers will be sought over submarine pipe- lines and will be roughly in line with those now held over on- shore pipelines.

There is also the aim to pro- tect marine interests such as fishing from interference by oil companies and vice versa. No decision has yet been taken on *what will happen to the state* shareholding in British Petro- leum.

First indications of the con- tents of the new Bill came from Mr John Smith, Parlia- mentary Under Secretary of State for Energy, when he addressed a seminar on North Sea *oil arranged by the* Indus- trial Development Department of Hull City Council yesterday.

Its provisions, he said, would go a long way towards giving the Government the powers needed to implement its policy of greater control over "this crucially important sector of our economy". The Bill, he said, would exercise greater control over licensees including the provision of more informa- tion than they were at present required to provide.

Provisions of the new Bill achieve the Government's ob- objectives set out in the White Paper, *UK Offshore Oil and Gas Policy*, published last July. This described the five courses of action touching on the tax, majority state participation in licences in ffelds discovered, and in existing licences for commercial fields, the setting up of the BNOC and pipeline control are now all covered.

GKN seeking £36.5m from market with one-for-five issue

By Our Financial Staff

Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds, Britain's biggest engineering group, plans to raise £36.5m by offering shareholders one *new share at 175p for every* five held. Despite record 1974 profits the shares responded by falling 15p to 210p after touching 207p. The rights are therefore worth just under 6p a share. Arrangements are being made for the issue to be underwritten by Morgan Gren- fell, and *N. M. Rothschild*, and the brokers to the issue are Rowe & Pitman and Smith, Keen Barnett.

The directors say they spent £79m on capital investment in 1973 and 1974 and a further £50m on acquisitions, chiefly Brymbo Steel Works and Miles Druce, the big steel stock- holders. Expansion and inflation have swollen the group's working capital needs and this year will see capital investment of a further £67m, of which more than £53m will be spent in the United Kingdom. The main projects are a rod mill and a *small steel plant in South* Wales costing £47m.

Pre-tax profits last year rose from £70.6m to £90.4m on a gain *in sales from £819.5m to* £1,137.8m. Interest payments more than doubled to £23.2m. The board recommends a final dividend of 6.85522p a share which is 12½ per cent more than the final the year before, the maximum rise allowed. Total dividends are therefore 15.83167p a share gross. The directors add that they plan to keep new dividend increases at least in line with inflation.

Profits this year will not, however, match those of 1974. There were signs towards the end of last year that the boom in steel demand was easing and this trend has continued. The motor vehicle industry in par- ticular has suffered.

There are signs of improve- *ment in Australia, where the* group controls John Lysaght. Conditions for other group operations outside Britain and Europe should continue to be reasonably favourable.

The group has also had its property revalued by Edwards, Bigwood and Bewlay. This *indicates that market values* exceeded book values by £106m.

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Ban on share dealings in 55 Canadian companies

Montreal, April 8.—All brokers have been ordered by the Quebec Securities Commis- sion to cease trading in the shares of 55 companies, many of which it said are controlled directly or indirectly by Mr Sydney Rosen, a Toronto businessman.

Eleven of the companies are incorporated in the Province of Quebec and the commission has asked the Quebec Government to appoint an administrator to take charge of each of these concerns.

In addition, the Quebec Securities Commission has *ordered Mr Rosen as well as* certain companies which he owns or controls and certain other persons associated with those firms to cease trading in any securities.

All the "cease trading" orders are in effect "pending continuation" of a securities *commission investigation into* the affairs of Mr Rosen and the various companies involved.

According to a statement "about Can$7m (about £3m) in funds belonging to the 55 com- panies have been deposited with Corporate Bank and Trust Co, a private offshore bank in Free- port, Bahamas" that is "con- trolled" by Mr Rosen.

It also states that Valutrend Management Services, a private Toronto company "controlled" by Mr Rosen "manages the affairs" of the 55 companies.

The commission said it "has reason to believe that the funds belonging to the 55 companies have been utilized by Mr Sydney Rosen to finance his own operations, and that Cor- porate Bank and Trust is not in a position to reimburse the funds to these companies".— AP-Dow Jones.

EEC call for study of world energy situation

From Roger Vielvoye
Paris, April 8

A broad examination of the *whole world economic situation* in the context of increased oil and energy prices has been pro- posed by the European Econo- mic Community as the basis for a world energy conference agenda. In an attempt to pro- vide a point of contact with the developing nations, the Nine have made an oblique reference in their proposals to the ques- tion of raw materials.

The EEC proposals on the key question of the agenda will be officially presented to the conference here tomorrow with a lengthy draft agenda drawn up by the seven developing countries present. Both sides will then get down to the busi- ness of reaching some sort of compromise on their ideas for the shape of a world conference.

While the differences in the draft agendas show that the two sides are still far apart there *appears to be a genuine desire* to find common ground so that the concept of a world meeting will not be endangered.

This draft agenda put forward by the developing countries draws heavily on the "solemn declaration" of the Organiza- tion of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and ranges from the problems of energy and other raw materials through cooperation over the development of the poorest nations to revised programmes for channelling the develop- ment of new technology into the Third World.

The EEC has proposed that a logical follow-up to the discus- sion of the world economy should be an examination of specific areas such as the price of oil and the security of energy supplies. The conference should also look at investment by developing countries, mainly the oil-producing nations.

Iran and Algeria seem likely to make proposals for a series of working groups or expert committees that could identify the main areas of agreement and disagreement before a full-scale conference began. Within this framework it would be possible to deal with the problems of raw materials in general and energy in particular and assure that a full-scale conference did not become bogged down with trivial problems.

The conference today failed to take a final decision on the number of countries that should be invited to the full confer- ence. They agreed that the num- ber should not be more than 30 and a consensus seems to be emerging that the final number will be 24.

Chase to sell stake in S & C Bank

By Christopher Wilkins

After five years of negotia- tion, *efforts to find a formula* which would enable Chase Man- hattan Bank to retain its hold- ing in Standard and Chartered Banking Group have failed. Chase yesterday revealed it had decided to dispose of its 7.2 million shares, representing 11.9 per cent of Standard and Chartered's equity.

A debate on the future of Chase's stake in S & C has been taking place since the Standard Bank and the Char- tered Bank merged early in 1970.

Chase originally acquired an interest in Standard Bank, which had no United States business, in 1965 but after the merger found itself in contra- vention of Federal Reserve Board policy.

This was because the Chartered Bank brought to the merged group a big banking operation in California and the Fed has always sought to pro- hibit domestic banks from hold- ing a significant stake in foreign banks with American branch business on the ground that it breaches the ban on interstate banking.

Initially the Fed gave Chase a year to find a solution and vari- ous avenues have been explored involving corporate reorganiza- tion. After a series of exten- sions on the time limit however, it has finally become apparent that no alternative to disposal of the shares is possible.

Orion Bank, a London-based consortium bank in which Chase has a 20 per cent interest, has been entrusted with disposing of the shares and Lord Barber, chairman of S & C, said last night he *understood it was* Chase's intention that the shares should be placed in firm hands.

In London there was some sur- prise that Chase should have announced its intention to sell its stake in this way. It is felt that the shares will now over- hang the market, providing a *depressant for the price.*

Conflicting claims on aims of cable cartel

By Maurice Corina and Malcolm Brown

Conflicting claims about the aim and purposes of the Inter- national Cable Development Corporation were put forward yesterday by Nordic manufac- turers, who confirmed their membership of the controversial cartel for collaboration in ex- port markets.

Nordiske Kabel og Traad- fabriker, Denmark's leading cable producer, in a statement argued that the corporation, which is registered in Liechten- stein, was an organization for promoting technical coopera- tion and development.

Mr N. Arnth-Jensen, chair- man of the NKT's board, stated that there was no form of con- cealed or undisclosed coopera- tion, and membership had not in any way influenced the com- pany's price or market policies.

However, Mr Henrik Sören- son, managing director of Sweden's Liljeholmens Kabel- fabrik said there was coopera- tion for exports outside Europe within the ICDC, alongside Sieverts Kabelverk, another Swedish company. Swedish offers to customers for cable supply had been between 10 and 50 per cent above the Guiding Price List (its existence was disclosed in *The Times*). Non- Swedish companies had also always asked much higher prices than on the ICDC's list.

In a reaction to the reports which appeared in *The Times* indicating an extensive market sharing operation for export contracts, Mr Arnth-Jensen of NKT said that practically all industries in Europe had at some time set up "an interna- tional organization to promote personal contacts and exchange technical knowledge".

The cable industry had formed its organization ICDC *in 1928, to promote "interna*tional technical cooperation and promote productive techni- cal and scientific develop- ments".

There was he said no form of concealed or undisclosed cooperation. ICDC was "well known to the European Cartel *Commission" and any cable* factory in any country could become a member "and thus gain access to the technical results of this international cooperation".

The NKT group's member- ship, he added, was registered with the Danish Monopoly Board "and has not in any way influenced the company's price policy or market approach".

The Danish statement seems to be at odds with *information* gleaned from inquiries about the activities of 20 national groups working under the aegis of the ICDC, whose operational headquarters is London.

As far as we can establish— and it has yet to be denied— a representative of the Danish company NKT attended a meet- ing in Hamburg last June when, far from discussing technical matters (which are no doubt *considered), those present* considered their export collab- oration arrangements. The talks included a cost review leading to a new guiding price list and proposals for new levels opera- tive from January 1, 1975.

NKT's claim that ICDC mem- bership is open to any cable factory will surprise other national groups, for there are long-standing arrangements for vetting companies before admission, which usually comes in two stages—the first being associate membership to see how a potential full member behaves according to ICDC policies.

Soviet trade bank is raising $200m Euroloan

Neshtorg, the Soviet bank for foreign trade, is raising a further $200m (about £83m) through a syndicated loan in the Eurocurrency markets, bankers said in London yester- day.

This is the Soviet Union's second fund-raising operation in the medium-term Euro- *markets. The same bank bor*rowed $100m from an inter- national banking group led by the Moscow Narodny and National Westminster banks in December.

The loan is now undergoing syndication, and is said to be having a "successful" recention. Lead managers were named as Lazard Freres, Banque Nationale de Paris and Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

There was no immediate indication on how the Soviet bank will use the proceeds, although bankers observed that the Soviet Union had also recently obtained extensive foreign trade credits on a gov- ernment-to-government basis with France and Britain.— Reuter.

Pledge on ndustry Bill isclosure

Craig Seton
rliamentary Staff

The Government will table an tendment to its Industry Bill oviding for disclosure to Par- ment at the earliest possible ount of broad details of ancial assistance given to ms by the National Enter- se Board under certain pro- ions of the 1972 Industry t.

This assurance was given dur- the committee stage on the l yesterday by Mr Eric Hef- Minister of State for dustry.

He persuaded Labour MPs withdraw an amendment uiring that any direction by NEB, under powers to give ective financial assistance der the 1972 Act, should be eported forthwith to the use of Commons".

Mr Heffer gave a warning t the Labour backbench endment could result in pre- ture disclosure of commer- ly sensitive matters.

Mr Heffer said that in order avoid commercial damage, y disclosure would not go into he nitty gritty" of any assis- ce which was given, but uld be restricted to the name the firm and the amount assistance involved, and ded: "Information, as far as humanly possible, will be en."

Promising start for soyabean market

London's new soyabean meal futures contract, designed to provide a hedging medium for the trade and thus reduce the worst effects of violent price fluctuations, started business yesterday at a level which is considered highly encouraging.

There were 149 contracts traded during the day. Each *contract is for 100 tonnes, so* the business handled was equivalent to 14,900 tonnes of meal.

"We are very satisfied", said Mr James Mackie, director general of the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA), which has sponsored the new market, and also organizes the London futures market in wheat and barley. "It is a good opening day by any standards, and if we go on like this the market will quickly become established".

The market sets prices for delivery of soyabean meal in designated months up to a year ahead. Holders of a "buy" contract would not normally take delivery of meal under *this system but, as is usual* on the futures markets, would cancel out the contract by selling an equivalent quantity on the market at a later date.

There is provision, however, for the meal to be delivered if necessary at Antwerp, Amster- dam, Hamburg, Rotterdam and the United *Kingdom, which is* a way of ensuring that the "paper" contracts do not move out of line with what is happening to the price of the physical commodity. The choice of multiple delivery points is designed to encourage full par- ticipation by the continental trade.

Until now the only inter- national hedging medium has been the Chicago Board of Trade's soyabean meal market. Although this has a very large turnover—900,000 contracts in 1974—its inevitable bias towards a reflection of the American trade restricts its value in Europe.

If the United States imposes *exports controls on soyabean* meal, this increases the supplies available internally and has a depressing effect on futures prices. However European cus- tomers, whose supplies would be reduced, would expect prices to go up because the controls would have made the commodity scarce.

Although the London market is expected to reflect European sentiment more accurately, the markets are unlikely to move too far apart because this would prompt professional trading be- tween the two to profit from the difference.

Prices eased slightly on the first day's trading, with meal for August delivery trading at £71 a tonne at the opening and £69.20 at the close. August 1976 meal is valued at £75 a tonne.

Aston could reopen in six weeks

After the offer of £1,050,000 for the Aston Martin car com- pany from the consortium headed by American Mr Peter Sprague was accepted yesterday by the company's informal com- mittee of creditors, Mr Sprague said he was very hopeful of re- opening the factory within six weeks.

The final hurdle would be ratification of the offer by the board of Company Develop- ments of Solihull, Birmingham, Aston Martin's parent company.

But Mr Sprague said that Mr William Willson, chairman of Company Development, has sent an undertaking to yesterday's Newport Pagnell meeting that providing two conditions were met, he would get his board to approve the offer later this week.

These were that acceptance of the offer was approved by Mr Michael Clark, the receiver —which he did at the meeting yesterday—and that the consor- tium committed themselves to car production at Newport Pag- nell.

If the consortium finally take over the company, as they seem set to do, it could have a majority British control.

Co-op staff get 25 pc pay offer

Pay increases of between 25 per cent and 32 per cent, including thresholds, have been negotiated for staff in Co-opera- tive shops and are expected to be ratified by the executive of *the Union of Distributive and* Allied Workers on Sunday.

The proposed settlement, which covers 135,000 employees, will be paid in two stages, part next month and part in August. Top supermarket managers now earning £55.88 before thresholds will receive £69.48 by *August. Cashiers, checkout* operators and skilled sales assistants now receiving £22.35 before thresholds will get £30.12.

Fewer Germans unemployed

Unemployment in West Ger- *many declined to 1,114,000 in* March from 1,183,500 in February but was up from 561,800 in March 1974, the Federal labour office said yesterday.

The unemployment rate de- clined to 4.9 per cent in March from 5.2 per cent in February, but was up 2.6 per cent on March 1974.

March was the first month since June 1974 that the num- ber of unemployed declined on a month-to-month basis.

The jobless rate, which had been at 2.1 per cent last June, rose to a 15-year record high of *5.2 per cent in February. The* decline in March to a rate of 4.9 per cent is widely seen as a continuation of the seasonal pattern.

Man-made fibre output slumps

Output of man-made fibres in Britain continued to fall sharply in February. Combined production for the first two months of the year was 24 per cent down on a year earlier and 26.5 per cent below the level reached in the same period of 1973.

London dockers' wage discussions restart

With the ending of the unofficial strike by London dockers, the employers and the two dock unions returned yes- terday to talks on a new pay and productivity deal for the 6,000 men employed in the *enclosed docks in London.*

This deal was due to be implemented at the beginning of the year, but negotiations have been held up by the strike.

The employers and the Trans- port and General Workers' Union could not agree at the original talks, and the issue was referred to the national joint council.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 119.43 −3.39
FT index: 296.6 −9.1

Rises

Anglo Am Corp	11p to 388p	Mixconcrete	3p to 36p
Dover Eng	1p to 10p	Rothschild	10p to 360p
Esperanza	4p to 54p	Shermans	1p to 9½p
Fisons	2p to 320p	Taylor Woodrow	8p to 216p
Foster Bros	3p to 40p	Western Areas	35p to 640p
May & Hassel	5p to 70p	Welkom	10p to 440p
Minorco	8p to 205p		

Falls

Allied Plant	2p to 18p	Hawker Sidd	8p to 276p
Brit Am Tob	13p to 293p	Imp Chem Ind	8p to 222p
Barclays Bk	4p to 238p	Stand'd & Chart	171p to 373p
BP	10p to 336p	Sun Alliance	10p to 370p
Bassett. G.	6p to 49p	Tube Invest	10p to 228p
Duncan, W.	10p to 215p	Vavasseur	4p to 3p
GKN	15p to 210p	Venesta	4p to 5½p

Sterling rose by 20 points to $2.3825. The "effective devalua- tion" rate was 21.7 per cent.

Gold closed $1.75 higher at $174.25 an oz.

SDR-$ was 1.24258 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.52246.

Commodities: Cocoa fell by up to £22.50 a metric ton yesterday. The soyabean meal futures contract started trading

Equities fell sharply.

Gilt-edged securities ran into sel- ling orders.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	41.50	39.50
Belgium Fr	87.00	84.25
Canada $	2.14	2.39
Denmark Kr	12.25	12.95
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.40
France Fr	10.25	9.95
Germany DM	5.80	5.60
Greece Dr	71.50	69.25
Hongkong $	11.65	11.30
Italy Lr	1545.00	1495.00
Japan Yn	720.00	695.00
Netherlands Gld	5.90	5.70
Norway Kr	12.10	11.75
Portugal Esc	59.25	57.25
S Africa Rd	1.82	1.76
Spain Pes	135.00	130.00
Sweden Kr	9.70	9.40
Switzerland Fr	6.20	6.00
US $	2.42	2.37
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.75	38.50

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank Inter- national Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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F. Pratt Engineering Corporation Limited

The 78th Annual General Meeting was held on 8th April. The following points were made by the Chairman, Mr. A. M. G. Gaillers-Pratt.

PROFITS: Your Group has maintained satisfactory progress. The profits for the year ended 31st October, 1974, are at £1.06m —the highest in the history of the Group. With tax of £577,000 and after the addition of exceptional items of £151,000, your Group has a distributable balance of £637,000.

DIVIDENDS: The interim dividend, paid in August, 1974, with the proposed final dividend (at the maximum permitted level) amount to £192,000, leaving £445,000 to augment the Reserves.

LIQUIDITY: Your Group is in a healthy position and our controls have enabled us to continue with our Capital Investment Programme.

PROSPECTS: It would be unwise to make hard or fast forecasts for the year 1974/1975. With order books currently running substantially up on last year (28%) your Board believes that the Group will continue to move forward. We are aware of the difficulties facing us; we have gone ahead with major expenditure on plant and premises bearing in mind the present situation

Six groups get Greenland offshore rights

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, April 8

The first offshore oil prospecting concessions for the west coast of Greenland were today issued to six groups of com- panies. The Danish Government announced that the 13 conces- sions granted involve 46 blocks.

The six groups are: Amoco- Deminex-Pancanadian with one concession and four blocks placed farther south than the others; Chevron-BP-Saga-NIOC, three concessions 10 blocks; Arco-Cities Service-Hispanoil- Hudbay two concessions 10 blocks; Total-Gulf-Aquitaine and the Danish Grepco Group four concessions 13 blocks; *Mobil Amoco - Deminex - Pan*canadian one concession three blocks; Ultra-Mar-Murphy-Gold Fields-Bomin two concessions *six blocks.*

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Application for the new Shares should be made not later than 3 p.m. on Friday, 18th April, 1975, by lodgment of the completed form at either of the addresses mentioned above, payment being made in accordance with the instruc- tions contained in the prospectus through an Authorised Depositary.

Slight fall in February retail spending

By Melvyn Westlake

A small fall in the volume of retail spending in February is now confirmed by the final seasonally adjusted figures released by the Department of Industry yesterday.

The official index of retail spending has been slightly revised upwards from the provisional figure for February to stand at 112.3 (1971=100), compared with 113.0 in January.

The higher level of spending at the beginning of the year is thought to reflect buoyant new-year "sales".

Other government figures show that new instalment credit advanced by retailers and finance houses amounted to £243m in February (seasonally adjusted). In the three months to the end of February such advances totalled £713m, or 6 per cent more.

At the end of February, the total debt outstanding to retailers and finance houses was £2,284m (not seasonally adjusted).

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

		Sales by volume 1971=100	New credit extended £
1972		105.8	2,497
1973		110.7	2,871
1974		109.9	2,517
1973	Q1	111.8	761
	Q2	108.3	681
	Q3	110.6	717
	Q4	112.0	712
1974	Q1	109.8	576
	Q2	107.3	614
	Q3	111.0	648
	Q4	111.6	679
April		107.9	202
May		105.6	207
June		108.2	205
July		109.2	216
August		111.4	215
September		112.2	217
October		111.4	231
November		112.8	224
December		110.8	224
1975			
January		113.0	246
February		112.3	243

Mr Breach makes new home finance attack

Mr Andrew Breach, chairman of the Bristol and West Building Society, yesterday continued his attack upon the Government's policy towards the provision of home finance. He said at the society's annual meeting that it was a great pity the Government was trying to formulate policies when Whitehall was ill-equipped and ill-trained to do so.

Imports take 32pc as car sales hit worst March level for four years

By Edward Townsend

Britain's car buyers have not embarked on a pre-Budget spending spree this year. New car registrations in March, usually a good month for sales, totalled 111,450, the lowest March figure since 1971.

Importers continued to carve a big slice of the United Kingdom market and according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' figures today sold 36,032 cars during the month, a penetration of 32.33 per cent.

Artificially high sales figures of January and February, boosted by the car companies offering almost unprecedented incentives, have lifted first quarter figures to a more respecrable level. Total sales from January to the end of March were 354,171, a rise of 7.5 per cent on the same period of 1974 when car buying was affected by the three-day week.

Foreign cars accounted for almost 31 per cent of the market in the three months, although this is still below the record 35.64 per cent achieved last November. Datsun, with 5.6 per cent of the market, was again the leading importer in March, just ahead of Renault with 4.96 per cent.

Production disputes affecting the Mini were responsible for British Leyland's market share falling to 25.8 per cent in March. But in the three months the corporation sold 122,290 cars and captured 34.5 per cent of the market. The Mini, fourth in the top 10 best selling list for March, was second over the three months.

Ford, whose sales have been boosted by the new Escort, saw its market share rise to 24.28 per cent in March, its highest since last summer. In the three months it sold 71,201 cars amounting to 20.10 per cent of the market.

Despite the swing to smaller cars, sales of luxury saloons remain buoyant. Jaguar/Daimler sales in March were 1,494 against 1,284 a year earlier.

Top of the best selling list for the three months was the Ford Cortina, followed by the Mini, Marina, Escort, Allegro, Viva and Avenger.

Two more foreign car manufacturers, Fiat and Peugeot, have announced price rises of about 6 per cent. Fiat prices go up next Monday and the Peugeot increase takes effect next month.

French-Swiss talks on 'snake' indecisive

Talks between the finance ministers of France and Switzerland on the question of whether either country should or could rejoin the "snake" of European countries, which try to maintain stable parities against each other, resulted in no decision by either side, M André Chevallaz, the Swiss Finance Minister, said yesterday.

The discussions, held during a working lunch in Paris yesterday, have been sparked off by growing Swiss interest in fixing its parity against European countries in an effort to bring down the Swiss franc's exchange rate.

The French are worried that if the Swiss join "snake", they will strengthen the currencies in it and hurt French chances of bringing their own currency back into it after a period of absence.

TUC opposed to any easing of dividend control

By David Young

The Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth was yesterday told by the TUC that the trade union movement is opposed to any easing of dividend control. It said the 12½ per cent limit on increases in dividends was not directly comparable to pay guidelines such as the cost of living.

As part of its evidence on income from companies and its distribution the TUC said: "The limited evidence currently available indicates that private ownership is concentrated in the hands of a small but very wealthy section of the population.

"Institutional shareholding is increasing but there is little conclusive evidence to show that this is resulting in a more equal distribution of income from shares although detailed study is required."

Takeover threat by Vauxhall workers averted

By R. W. Shakespeare

A threatened workers' takeover at the huge Vauxhall Motors car plant at Ellesmere Port on Merseyside, has been averted. At a meeting of about 5,000 of the 7,000 manual workers yesterday, a shop steward's motion calling for the occupation of the plant was rejected.

However, the meeting voted to resist any fresh moves by the management to introduce further short-time working, and to impose a ban on overtime. In practice, this will have little effect since there has been no overtime worked at Ellesmere Port since before Christmas.

Now union negotiators will be discussing with the management at a meeting tomorrow the company's proposals that some of the plant's four weeks' annual holiday should be brought forward.

Big UK expansion for Swedish steelmaker

From Peter Hill
Stockholm, April 8

Britain's private sector steel companies could be buying up to 500,000 tons of semi-finished steel from a leading Swedish steel producer in 1980.

Norrbottens Jarnverk A/B, part of the Swedish state holding company, Statsforetag, which is embarking on a big expansion programme here centred on production of "semis"—in the form of billets and blooms—sees Britain as one of its overseas markets.

Executives of NJA have already had talks with a number of British private sector steel producers, with GKN figuring most prominently. First deliveries to Britain are scheduled to begin on a small scale next year from existing capacity. Prospects for penetrating the British market have been enhanced by the dismal production performance of the British Steel Corporation last year.

Mr Jan Kjellberg, the company's sales director for semi-finished steel said that the company saw potential for selling to 10 independent companies in Britain, although firm commitments would probably only be made with about half that number. He saw the inability of the BSC to meet requirements for semis in Britain last year as an opportunity to be exploited.

The impression given is that British companies are looking for a reliable alternative source of supply for semis in addition to the BSC, and the Swedish concern is keen to fill the gap.

The plans now being made take place against the background of the sharp downturn in activity levels in the international steel market. Nevertheless, NJA has estimated that by 1978-79 total European demand for semi-finished steel products could be running at about 20 million tons annually. Once its expansion programme is completed, Norrbottens believes that it will be able to supply about 20 per cent of this market.

British Rail to close Irish cattle sea link

British Rail's Holyhead-Dublin livestock shipping service, which carries about a third of the Irish Republic's cattle exports to Britain, is to be withdrawn after losses which are expected to exceed £500,000 this year.

The 1,500-ton Slieve Donard, built specially for the service in 1959, is to be scrapped or chartered out. Many of the 150 people employed on the service will be made redundant.

British Rail yesterday blamed changing patterns in the Irish cattle trade. Their cargoes have dropped from nearly 120,000 head of cattle to about 70,000 a year during the past 10 years because farmers are dealing in smaller batches with direct delivery by road to buyers in the United Kingdom.

ICI-Montedison deal

Montedison and Imperial Chemical Industries yesterday agreed on a joint venture for production of aniline, used for a wide range of chemical and pharmaceutical products. Production will be based in the Montedison petrochemical complex at Priolo, Sicily.

OECD inflation lower

Paris, April 8.—Consumer prices in the overall Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation area rose 0.8 per cent in February over January, bearing out the lower trend of inflation rates aided by weakness of demand, the OECD said.

£20,000 computer

A new small computer costing about £20,000 was announced in London by International Business Machines yesterday. Known as the model 32, it is designed for use by companies who are newcomers to computing, particularly construction and wholesale food distribution.

Daimler to buy British

Daimler Benz AG—one of Europe's largest and most profitable motor manufacturers—has set up an office in Britain to buy materials and components for use in its German factories. Herr Gerd W. Hoffmann, managing director of Mercedes Benz (United Kingdom), said yesterday that Britain was now highly competitive, but added that prompt delivery was vital.

Vehicle groups merge

The EEC Commission yesterday authorized the merger of the commercial vehicle activities of Fiat SPA, of Italy, and West Germany's Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz AG.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justifying the contractual rules on property sales

From Mr G. Rowberry

Sir, There is more to be said about the practice of sending out successive contracts on the sale of property, at any rate where this relates to the sale of a dwellinghouse, than appears in the correspondence which I have seen.

It is the practice of prospective purchasers frequently to negotiate to purchase a dwelling house before effectively completing a contract for the sale of an existing home and/or without first concluding any relevant mortgage arrangements; and to omit to inform the vendor that his "sale" depends upon one or both of these factors.

The vendor, in good faith, instructs solicitors to deal with the contract for the sale, and it is only after the dispatch of this and a lapse of anything from several days to several weeks it transpires that the purchaser is unable to proceed with the transaction until he has concluded his other arrangements.

In the interim another purchaser turns up—often stated to be a "cash buyer"—and the unfortunate owner is in a cleft stick. He can either turn away the second prospective purchaser and risk finding that the first one cannot proceed so that he has no sale at all, and he may well lose a house which he was intending to purchase; or he can apprise the first purchaser of the position and give the second one an opportunity to complete a contract before the first is able and willing to do so.

Whichever way it goes, someone loses. Including the professional advisers who frequently do a considerable amount of abortive work. So far as I am aware none of those who criticize this situation has yet suggested a solution. Which is the advice which the professional people concerned and, indeed, their clients, would like to have.

Yours faithfully,
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Windsor Road,
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Berkshire.
April 4.

How to help borrower and lender with indexed bonds

From Professor I. F. Pearce and Mr J. A. Kregel

Sir, We live in a strange world. In a letter (March 31) written, apparently in all seriousness, the Secretary General of the Building Societies' Association begs the Government not to introduce indexed bonds on the extraordinary ground that the building society depositor is now losing his real savings at such a rate that the borrower (who gains tax-free what the lender loses) could not possibly afford to give up the subsidy he currently enjoys at the lenders' expense.

Mr Griggs notes that a 20 per cent yield to investors would be necessary to beat inflation and implies, with a suitably positioned exclamation mark, that no comment is necessary on the absurdity of a 20 per cent borrowing rate. But if it is absurd for a borrower to pay as much as 20 per cent for the very real privilege of living in, and enjoying the capital gains on, a house paid for by the lender, why is it not equally absurd for the lender to be required to sacrifice each year 20 per cent of his savings solely for the privilege of being allowed to spend the balance of his wages at a date of his own choosing.

In fact, Mr Griggs is wrong on almost every count. Under present illogical accounting and taxation rules a yield of 35 per cent (gross) would be needed to beat inflation rising almost certainly during the coming year to 45 or 50 per cent. Yet the lender could be properly compensated by the borrower even, in some respects, to the borrowers' initial advantage, if all transactions were properly expressed in real terms.

All that is necessary is that both deposits and loans should be indexed. The real rate of interest could easily be set at ½ per cent to the borrower and ½ per cent to the lender, or even less.

The first time buyer of a house priced at £10,000 would find his immediate outgoings actually reduced by almost £1,000 per annum (gross). Against this his outstanding money debt would rise in line with rises in the cost of living; but so also would wages and hence the capacity to repay.

Indeed, the real position of both buyer and lender would be precisely the same as if there were no inflation. Cash to maintain liquidity would be readily available to building societies since a risk-less, inflation-proofed asset bearing ½ per cent real interest would be the most attractive investment available to anyone at the present time.

Societies would, if anything, find themselves embarrassed by the inflow of funds. The country would enjoy an immediate building boom as the demand for housing picked up.

Of course, indexation is not the best solution to the obvious injustice. As Mr Griggs rightly observed, one indexed bond leads to another until everything is indexed and the index itself is reduced to nonsense. A sane society, or at least one which understood what it was doing to itself, would take immediate steps to stabilize the value of its currency.

To pretend that this cannot be done is to ignore the lessons of history. Again and again irresponsible governments have debased or permitted the debasement of their currency for the purposes of short term gain, and yet each time, after the usual round of confusion, misery and social disruption, reform and stabilization has been achieved by methods as old and well understood as money itself.

Yours sincerely,
I. F. PEARCE,
Professor of Economics,
J. A. KREGEL,
Lecturer in Economics,
Southampton University.
April 3.

Why do the British tolerate such iniquitous postal charges?

From Mr W. A. Douglass

Sir, Even a sometimes visitor to this country from America must confess to alternate feelings of belligerence and bemusement in contemplation of your new seven penny post—belligerence because I cannot conceive how the public (and most especially the business community and the Houses of Parliament) can have bowed to such excesses without a far more visible fight—bemusement because it seems the modern form for this fine people to accept depredations totally unacceptable anywhere else in the world.

In the first place, a 40 per cent price increase in anything at this time can make no sense (or the more so for the 57 per cent rise in second class or the 61 per cent rise in parcel post!), most especially from a government preaching wage restraint.

Second, a seven penny post is exorbitant by international comparison. The entire United Kingdom is the geographic size of our single State of Idaho, yet we have a national four penny post and still manage to pay our postal workers twice as much.

What can be done? Quite obviously, the first requirement is the political courage to bring your Post Office costs into line, but while we wait for such a miracle, let me suggest two interim measures:

(1) Use only second class—quite obviously, if no one uses the seven penny post, all the 5½ penny post will get prompt service.

(2) Use the phone—Did you know you can talk 14.01 minutes during the day and 56.04 minutes in the evening for seven pence in your local area? Up to around 35 miles, you get 2.34 minutes in the morning and 3.73 minutes in the afternoon, and 14.01 minutes at night. Even farther away, you get around a minute during the day and more than five at night. Letters are inefficient anyway what with the high cost of secretaries, dictation time, paper, printing, etc. (You might consider a new column titled "Phone Calls to The Times".)

Yours faithfully,
W. A. DOUGLASS,
Douglass Consultants Inc,
635 Madison Avenue,
New York.
March 21.

Indulging in statutory neology

From Mr W. F. N. Wood

Sir, I have been studying the Sex Discrimination Bill and find that, if enacted, it will not require any substantial change in this company's practices. However, since the Interpretation Act, 1889, scarcely applies to everyday conversation, my job would be made easier if a section were inserted in the Bill instituting two new epicene pronouns. It is tedious to write *he or she* or *his or her* and assertions that *he* means *either he or she as the case may be* do not really do the trick. *S/he* is horrible and, anyway, it has no accusative form.

If your readers can suggest suitable words perhaps Parliament can be persuaded to indulge in statutory neology.

Yours faithfully,
W. F. N. WOOD, Secretary,
Sigmund Pulsometer Pumps Ltd,
Oxford Road,
Reading, Berkshire.

Don't lament the end of that bad old BNEC!

From Mr G. Simpson

Sir, Your contributor Melvyn Westlake, writing of the BOTB (Business News, March 19), looks back somewhat nostalgically at its predecessor, the BNEC. The taxpayer should not share his affection for the BNEC. As a past member of the Diplomatic Service, with a good deal of experience of export promotion, I have seen the BNEC in action and consider that the Government's decision to bring it to an end was well justified.

The senior businessmen who gave their time to it were well intentioned and some of its activities were beneficial, but very many of the latter were a waste of time and money. Criticism can be directed at the following:

Its executive was overstaffed with less successful businessmen.

It too often did things for the sake of doing something and was overenthusiastic about gimmicky promotions which attracted publicity, but which anyone with marketing sense would recognize as unbusinesslike.

It appeared to have no confidence in the postal system, sending its representatives to the corners of the earth to seek information which could be supplied at once by local diplomatic missions.

It duplicated, at great expense, the work of missions in the field and the officials of the then Board of Trade. When it did call on their services it too often dressed up the officials' reports as its own work.

Within its own organization there was confusion, backbiting and empire building which were so bad as to lead at least one civil servant seconded to the BNEC to request his withdrawal.

Organizations such as the BNEC have a useful role to play in the export effort. It is to stay at home, to concentrate on stimulating interest in exporting, helping the willing company and rectifying shortcomings where they exist. Unfortunately, however, gadding about in the wide blue yonder appears always to have more appeal!

Yours sincerely,
GERALD SIMPSON,
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Haslemere,
Surrey.
March 19.

Budget tip: more commonsense, less brain storm

From Mr P. H. M. Price

Sir, On completing the farm employees' end of year tax documents (1974/75) for the Inland Revenue, I undertook a few calculations which may be of interest to others struggling against the effects of inflation upon a business.

I selected for my comparisons only the fifteen employees who had been with the farm for the whole of the period April 6 1973, to April 5, 1975, and whose earnings patterns had remained stable during that time, and then compared the totals for the year 1973/74 against the totals for 1974/75:

1, Gross earnings rose by just over 22 per cent.
2, National Insurance Graduated Contributions rose by just over 40 per cent.
3, PAYE tax payments rose by just over 45 per cent. (For the record, some will be interested to learn, the average gross wage for those fifteen farm workers in 1974/75 was just over £41 per week.)

No wonder Mr Denis Healey is failing to get the cooperation he would wish for the social contract and wage claims continue to spiral.

Exactly the same sort of situation is being created within the business—greater inflation devaluing currency requiring greater profit to maintain cash flow to remain solvent bringing higher taxation producing less money for investment, and so down the slippery slope.

May I humbly suggest that the Chancellor could do well in Budget to discard much of the highbrow economic advice he no doubt has in ample supply around him, and try incorporating a little more old-fashioned common sense into his proposals.

Yours faithfully,
PETER PRICE.
Woodman Farms,
Itchen Abbas,
Winchester.

Advertising & marketing

COI considering collective buying

Altogether the Central Office of Information, which directs almost all government advertising campaigns, controls about £12m worth of advertising billings annually of which about £4m is spent on television. To reduce costs it is examining a scheme to centralize television time buying.

Collective buying has already become fairly common among some large advertisers promoting different brands. A notable example is Unilever which uses one agency, Lintas, to buy most of the television time used for its various brands.

Because of the large sums of money which it handles relative to other agencies, Lintas says that it can buy more effectively and more cheaply on a collective basis. Between January and September, 1974, it quotes an average discount for television buying of 15.9 per cent against the average for all other agencies of 8.3 per cent.

The COI uses more than 25 agencies, each buying media time and space on an individual basis. Discussions are in progress with six agencies. Hobson Bates, Masius Wynne-Williams, Lintas, Young & Rubicam, Collett Dickenson Pearce and Media Buying Services with a view to setting up a centralized system.

Fire prevention

A new advertising agency has been appointed by the Government to handle its recently expanded fire prevention promotions. After competitive presentations from three agencies, the account is moving to Boase Massimi Pollitt Partnership.

The first national campaign to make the public aware of fire hazards was launched in January this year, and ran to the middle of March. It cost about £275,000 and was handled by the existing agency, Thomas Ketley Hugo and Browne. Another big campaign is expected this autumn.

'Major errors' by IBA

A report* blaming the Independent Broadcasting Authority for "two major errors of judgment" in setting up the commercial radio network has just been issued by The Media Department, the Klimpher advertising group subsidiary.

It slates the authority both for its choice to open in London and for starting the London Broadcasting Co. London, says the report, is the one area of the country where the BBC was most firmly entrenched.

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Patricia Tisdall

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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 25th day of March 1975 presented to the said Court by D. Green & Company (Slough Newington) Limited whose Registered Office is at 261 Goldhawk Road London W12 And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 21st day of April 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Agents for: N. Ramsay Murray & Co. Chiswick Solicitors to the Petitioner
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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 7th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by City Electrical Factors Limited whose registered office is situate at Abacus House, Cutler Lane, Cheapside, London, E.C.2. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 5th day of May 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 2nd day of May 1975.

CRICKLADE CABINET CO. Ltd. The Companies Act, 1948. I, MARTIN JOHN SPENCER, Chartered Accountant of Messrs. Stoy, Hayward & Co., 96 Wigmore Street, London, W1H 9AA, give notice that I was appointed LIQUIDATOR in the above matter on the 14th March, 1975. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
M. J. SPENCER, Liquidator.

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THE SCOTTISH LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Main Points from the Chairman's Statement for the record year ended 31st December 1974.

BONUS
● Record rates of Bonus declared—Simple series £5% per annum—Compound series £4% per annum.

PREMIUM INCOME
● Net new Annual Premiums increased by 35% (96% increase since 1971—the final year of the last Triennium). Net renewal Premium income amounted to £15.2 million—increase of 16% over 1973 and 44% greater than that of 1971.

NEW BUSINESS
● Net sums assured exceeded £187 million—an increase of 38% over the previous year.

PENSIONS
● Net renewal Pension Premium income has increased by no less than 30% over 1973.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

GKN sets out its case

may be that GKN scarcely ded to grasp the opportunity aunch a rights issue at this ticular juncture in quite the e way that Tubes did. But ing taken the plunge, it s to have done so in more vincing style than Tubes, the its proceeds adding some 7 cent to resources employed nst roughly 5 per cent in Tubes case.

ot that it can be said that GKN balance sheet will not the healthier for a broaden of the capital base, particu y in relation to short-term t. Although capital invest t of £79m over the past ple of years has been com ably enough covered by cash , the group has also had to nce a substantial working tal increase and some £50m net acquisitions—the bulk ng in the year just ended id is planning capital invest t of some £67m for 1975. Net owings in 1974 increased in by some £70m, mainly in t-dated debt. But though may have felt that this icular balance required e readjustment, the overall ation still looked reasonable igh at the year end, with debt of some £177m against eholders' funds plus minori approaching £375m—net, dentally, of a £72m (after property surplus that is not g incorporated into the unts.

uch as expected, the trend cquisitions shows some ening in the second six ths, with the obvious prob areas in the home market ig automotive parts—at the rather than the commercial icle end—and, in the last rter, the easing in demand steel. Overseas, the German rations suffered the same d of problems as most of the er European component nufacturers, while the asso e contribution was more halved in the second half just under £3m, reflecting downturn at John Lysaght he face of the slowing of Australian economy and anese dumping.

s GKN itself points out, the blems that became increas ly apparent in the second of last year are not neces ly going to go away all that ckly, and the only question ost analysts' minds is as to how much profits are going e down in 1975. Although the German and Australian ations are now starting to better, a great deal is g to depend on the trend in home economy, particularly the volume sensitive steel rests. An ex-rights yield of per cent—the rights them es are worth 5.8p with the es at 210p last night—may be particularly exciting, but issue appeared to go down enough with the sub erwriters yesterday.

l: 1974 (1973)
talization £219m
s £1,138m (£819m)
tax profits £90.4m (£70.6m)
ings per share 36.4p (27.2p)
dend gross 15.33p (14.06p)

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sharp jump in interest ges at Grattan Warehouses im to £765,000 only partly lains the downturn in fits. Rather one has to look her up and see that sales with last year was only 13 cent ahead compared with per cent for the industry, cating that Grattan has n losing market share to Littlewoods and Freemans, ch managed, thanks to some t exceptional factors, to e its turnover by no less a 25½ per cent.

aradoxically it was the hinations of the Prices Code and catalogues which spurred Freemans' growth where estimated rather than calculated prices had to be introduced with great rapidity last May. In the event, these proved a little too keen, as is seen by the 30 per cent sales leap in the closing 24 weeks and a fall in pre-tax profits of 14 per cent.

Compounding the drop in trading margins here was also the steep rise in interest charges, up from £598,000 to £1.14m for the full year as inflationary pressures made their inevitable impact upon working capital requirements. At both companies, the expectation is that borrowings may edge ahead somewhat in 1975, but not nearly to the same extent as happened last year. Both companies are restricting their credit periods, cutting back on agent recruitment and eliminating some of the less profitable lines. But high gearing appears to be with us for some considerable time yet.

At 78p, Grattan has the greater defensive merit given its yield of 8½ per cent and a p/e ratio of 8. These compare with Freeman's return of only 4.3 per cent and p/e of 10 after recalculating earnings on a standard tax charge. Yesterday's 16p fall in the share price to 157p has further to go, although the Sears stake of over 20 per cent remains a substantial buttress.

Grattan
Final: 1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £34.3m
Sales £106m (£93.8m)
Pre-tax profits £8.90m (£10.7m)
Earnings per share 9.70p (12.4p)
Dividend gross 6.66p (6.55p)

Freemans
Final: 1974/75 (1973/74)
Capitalization £36.3m
Sales £97.5m (£77.2m)
Pre-tax profits £7.04m (£7.60m)
Earnings per share 17.7p (17.5p)
Dividend gross 6.75p (6.11p)

Taylor Woodrow

Good second half

Taylor Woodrow was expected to produce a 1974 profit increase of some 10 or 15 per cent after a static showing at the interim, and it did not disappoint. What was well beyond expectations, however, was that the group should have achieved this gain after a £2.6m exceptional loss at Myton. The implication is that the fundamental trading strength during the second half proved to be much stronger than anyone anticipated. That, in turn, must raise expectations for the present year.

The loss itself arose from problems in the disposal of Myton's three outstanding developments. It was finally decided these should be absorbed into the group's own property portfolio, even though an independent valuation threw up a heavy loss. This apart, Myton turned in a healthy enough £800,000.

For the rest, the overseas interests moved ahead strongly, with Canada up by some 25 per cent at more than £2m and the contracting interests, particularly in Indonesia and Singapore, coming through well. At home housing was down from £1.6m to £1m on housing completions, some 200 lower at 500, but construction remained buoyant.

It seems, moreover, as though the group is far from running out of steam. The construction side has a strong enough order book to see it through into 1976 and the prospects for housing are now beginning to look better, while the overseas interests are going as well as ever. In short, one must be looking for a further useful profit gain this year and the shares, up 6p to 216p yesterday, where they sell at nine times earnings, should be firm relative to the sector. The only catch is the meagre 3¼ per cent yield.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £41.4m
Sales £229m (£171m)
Pre-tax profits £10.5m (£9.11m)
Earnings per share 23.9p (20.7p)
Dividend gross 7.05p (6.27p)

Blackwood Hodge

Still going strong

The preliminary statement from Blackwood Hodge for 1974 makes encouraging reading. At half-time pre-tax profits were 49 per cent ahead and for the full year to last December they were 50 per cent up on a 28.5 per cent rise in sales—of which only 15 per cent was due to inflation—and pre-tax margins widened from 5 per cent to 5.8 per cent. The dividend goes up by the maximum, where it is covered more than four times by earnings and only exchange losses—a turnround here of £1.5m—stopped net profits from going ahead. There is to be a one-for-10 scrip issue and this year's profits could be substantially ahead again.

Of last year's pre-interest profits of £14.4m, United Kingdom profits were only £2.8m, giving the group strong defensive qualities. There is no construction slump for BH in Britain (as in 1972) because it is big in motorways and Coal Board work, not in housebuilding.

Nowhere overseas, moreover, is BH's market penetration uncomfortably large. Even in Canada, the best market, it has only 15 per cent of available business, while in Europe it has only 5 per cent. The Middle East is virtually untapped.

BH can see only a world slump pushing it off course this year. A weakening pound would do it good. The shares rose 1p to 92p yesterday, but they are not the easiest to deal in, with institutions and family trusts controlling some 70 per cent of the equity.

Apart from that, sceptics can only fasten on the thought that the key General Motors franchise, covering about 40 per cent of BH business, is not automatically renewable. But there is no real reason for doubt on this score and it does not come up for renegotiation until 1980 anyway. The yield is 5 per cent and the p/e 6·1.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £17.9m
Sales £146.4m (£113.9m)
Pre-tax profits £8.5m (£5.7m)
Earnings per share 15.1p (11.2p)
Dividend gross 4.6p (4.1p)

Assoc Biscuits

Appetite for capital

After last week's lull on the rights front, momentum appears to be picking up again. Associated Biscuits last night joining the queue after GKN's announcement earlier in the day. Nor can AB's issue be counted that much of a surprise given the soaring working capital requirement in the food industry that have already brought RHM and Unigate to market. AB's requirement was up £9m last year. How well this issue will go down remains to be seen—Unigate closes Friday—but there is a notional yield of 10.9 per cent on the new shares, while pre-tax profits, ahead by 10 per cent last year, will at least be relieved of a number of loss-makers this times round.

Capitalization £14.8m
Sales £122m (£91m)
Pre-tax profits £6.5m (£5.9m)
Earnings per share 7.5p (7.3p)
Dividend gross 3.6p (3.2p)

'Times' survey indicates strong support for continued membership

Leaders of biggest companies fear harmful effects of withdrawal from the EEC

By an overwhelming majority company chairmen taking part in *The Times* Survey on Britain and the EEC want the United Kingdom to stay in the Community. Out of a total of 419 who replied to a questionnaire sent to the heads of the country's largest industrial and financial companies 415 said that they personally favoured continued British membership of the EEC. Three people were against and one "Don't know" vote was received.

The poll presents the first clear picture of how the people at the top of British industry look at the question of the United Kingdom's membership of the Community since the terms obtained by the Labour Government in renegotiation became clear. Although industrialists have been traditionally pro-EEC and the Confederation of British Industry has long campaigned actively for the United Kingdom to be a member, the near-unanimity of the replies received is surprising.

Questionnaires were sent to the chairmen of the 500 largest industrial companies in Britain (apart from groups with major newspaper interests) and to leading banks and other financial institutions. Just over 68 per cent of the 615 replied, an unusually good response in a survey of this kind.

In order to make conditions as close as possible to those which will exist in the referendum, all respondents had the guarantee that their replies would be treated in confidence and the survey depends entirely on the voluntary replies of those who decided to take part.

It is therefore possible that a number of those who did not reply hold anti-EEC views, though the same factors which led them not to take part in the survey would presumably also lead them not to play any part in the referendum campaign.

But even if allowance is made for possible indifference or hostility towards the EEC by those who did not take part, the size of the "Yes" vote is striking. Even those who felt that, for one reason or another, leaving the EEC would be to the advantage of their own company still believed that the country should stay in.

Some indications of the reasoning behind this support for the pro-EEC cause comes in response to the question: "If the United Kingdom leaves the EEC in relation to your company what particular factor or factors would be (a) harmful, (b) beneficial?"

A few chairmen were worried by the loss of confidence which Britain would face abroad by pulling out of an organization to which it is committed by Treaty. One of the largest single categories of reply (65) expressed the view that the United Kingdom economy would suffer heavily.

Not everyone put it as strongly as the textile industry chief who felt that we should be forced to "return to sackcloth and woad;" but statements such as "It would put growth back 20 years" or "There would be a lower level of activity in the United Kingdom economy" were quite common.

Interestingly enough, a number of groups in the retail business and in other sectors with a particular dependence on individual consumers said that they expected a lower standard of living overall, with less disposable income for everyone to spend on their goods.

This decline is seen, in most cases, as being a gradual and long-term thing. A small number (seven) talked about the possibility or likelihood of a sterling crisis upon withdrawal, with the need for tough government measures and cutbacks in living standards.

But generally speaking most of the chairmen thought that the adverse economic effects of withdrawal would take some time to become fully apparent, just as it is conceded by advocates of EEC membership that the beneficial effects of membership on the United Kingdom economy cannot be expected to become apparent overnight.

Not surprisingly, in view of the almost unanimous support for membership, no one said that leaving the EEC would result in our having a higher rate of growth or being more prosperous. The uncertainties which exist among academic economists, where passionate statements both for and against the effects of Community membership on our prosperity have led many to say that the issue is too finely balanced to make judgments of the likely effects on our economy, seem not to be echoed in the boardroom.

In so far as they have a view, the leaders of our top companies are united in saying that leaving the Community would be significantly harmful to our economic prospects.

Tariff barrier viewed as important factor

Tariffs, usually thought of as so low in the modern world as to present only a small barrier to trade, seem to play an important role in shaping the attitude of a surprisingly large number of businessmen.

As the chart shows, in assessing the effect of EEC withdrawal upon their own companies, most of those who replied felt that leaving would be some disadvantage—or a large disadvantage—to their companies.

More important even than the harmful effects on the economy as a whole was the loss of markets in Europe (cited 90 times), with a further 65 specific citations of the harmful effects of tariffs.

Replies ranged from the simple, one word "Tariffs" to the more general "More difficult to trade" and in one case the prediction of a "virtually complete embargo on purchasing from the United Kingdom by EEC customers". Just how big an objective effect tariffs have is a matter of dispute, but it is clear that the EEC's common external tariff of about 8 per cent is a big psychological bar to British companies wanting to expand their exports.

These replies came from companies of all kinds, not just those where the United Kingdom is so powerful that the Community is likely to impose special protective measures if we should decide to leave. Clearly, the chairmen of companies which cite this factor have little confidence in the prospect of Britain negotiating a special free trade deal with the Community as part of the "renegotiation" which would presumably follow a vote for withdrawal.

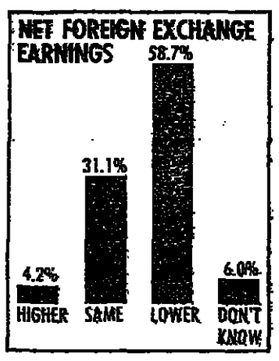
This fear of exclusion from a large market, and uncertainty about Britain's future trading relationships with the rest of the world, are the most important anxieties that emerge from replies.

But there are other, more specific, worries. A number of banking and financial institutions expressed doubts about the City's role, either in terms of lost opportunities through the dashing of their hopes to gain a large and growing share of the Community's financial business or in terms of a setback from the present position. The threat of another financial centre being built up within the EEC was mentioned and one respondent went so far as to say that "London would cease to be an international money market".

However, there were few respondents who expressed the other commonly cited fear about exclusion from the EEC—that by being shut off from its decision-making machinery we would be faced with common standards which we played no part in shaping. Whether this is because industrialists have become sceptical about the prospects for EEC harmonization, or do not regard it as a major threat, is not clear.

Of those who considered that their company would, or could, benefit from leaving the EEC, a few talked of the effect of various aspects of the EEC's competition policy and particularly the rules governing distribution throughout the Community.

But overall the views revealed about the effects of withdrawal on the companies covered by the survey, while less clear-cut than the personal opinions of the chairmen are decisively on the side of those who favour continued membership. Some 85 per cent of those replying thought that leaving would in some measure be harmful to their company.



Balance of trade worries

In an attempt to assess the effect on our balance of payments of withdrawal chairmen were asked what they expected their net foreign exchange earnings to be if the United Kingdom left the Community. Worries which were expressed in their answers about loss of export markets show clearly in their predictions on this issue, too.

These reveal a more pessimistic trend than the answers to either of the other two questions aimed at gathering views about EEC withdrawal.

Clearly, if these results are borne out by experience, the only way in which the current account on trade could be prevented from worsening sharply would be by a big drop in imports for personal use or for use as raw material by small businesses.

One possible distortion in these estimates is that companies which would expect to be harmed by such a decline, such as the retail sector, tended not to answer the question on the grounds that it did not apply to them, or to predict that their earnings would be the same.

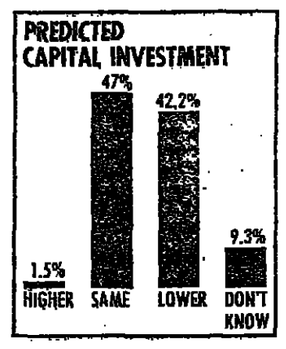
Split on investment

If top businessmen are largely united in their belief that leaving the EEC will be bad for the country and bad for their companies, they are much more evenly split about how they would react to a decision to leave. Indeed, the question "If Britain leaves the EEC, what would you expect your company's medium-term capital investment programme in this country to be?" resulted in only a minority predicting a decline, as the chart shows.

One explanation is that the situation if we leave the EEC contains so many imponderables that it is impossible to make any assessment of a change in future investment. Predicting that it will remain the same is the safest guess that can be made.

Another possible reason for this assessment is that companies which might otherwise have built up their investment in other Community countries would be forced to concentrate their investment in the United Kingdom, where a possible reduction in competition from imports would partly compensate.

The situation is clearer when it comes to those companies which would expect their investment to fall. Some of them are subsidiaries of multinational corporations, who fear that the United Kingdom would in future be written off by their headquarters, but most of them are United Kingdom-based and expect their investment to fall in response to a drop in their business.

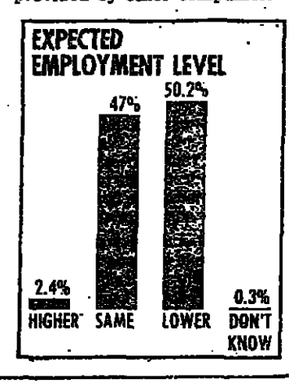


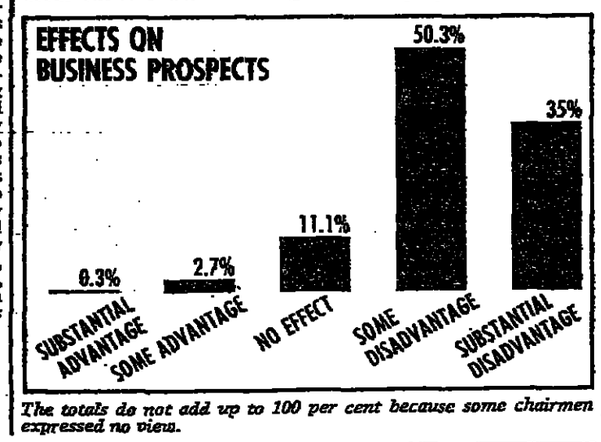
Likelihood of fewer jobs

There seems to be a greater tendency to believe that employment in companies will fall than to expect a drop in investment if we leave the Community.

The percentage who expect their total employment here to be the same as it would be if the United Kingdom stays in is 47 per cent, equal to the percentage expecting their investment to be unchanged. But the number expecting employment to drop is higher because fewer people used the "Don't know" option.

Too much should probably not be read into the difference and many respondents did stress the difficulty of making assessments in their own cases. The clear implication of the replies is that leaving the Community would result in fewer workers being employed by a majority of firms and no increase in the number of jobs provided by other companies.





The totals do not add up to 100 per cent because some chairmen expressed no view.

Mail Order
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Preliminary results
for the year ended 25 January 1975

Turnover
£000's
£67,263
£83,870
£105,283
1972-73
1973-74
1974-75

Profit
before taxation
£000's
£6,584
£7,603
£7,039
1972-73
1973-74
1974-75

Key points from announcement:

- Strong second half sales lifted turnover for the year by 25.5%.
- The number of active agents rose to 396,000 – up 8.5%.
- Profit before tax dropped by 7.4% due to severe inflationary pressure on costs, higher interest charges on extra borrowings, and the tightening of the Price Code.
- Profit after tax moved up to £4.083m against £4.035m last year.
- Dividends for the year are increased by the permitted maximum of 12.5%.
- The coming year will again be difficult. Concentration will be on safeguarding profitability and on maintaining a proper balance between retained profits and borrowings. But longer term growth plans will not be impaired.

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Freemans (London SW9) Ltd. 139 Clapham Road London SW9 OHR

Business Diary: Once more unto the breach . . .

meth Cork, best known as a eiver and liquidator, was in atford-on-Avon yesterday for first night of the Royal kespeare Company's season, ch begins with *Henry V*. ork was neither there in his cial capacity—although the ipany does have money prob s—nor, strictly speaking, as an. He is chairman of the rd of governors, who this r are forced to operate a uced programme of four ys, including a repeat.

As an accountant, Cork has ways been stung by his repu ion as an "undertaker", hough he is rather pleased t Stanley Orme, the Minister State with responsibility for Northern Ireland Ministry Commerce, has scotched a



FC's Cork: new season.

port that the functions of the rthern Ireland Finance Cor ration were to be taken over Sir Don Ryder's National terprise Board.

The report came as Cork was unding off his first year as IFC chairman (he took over om Charles Villiers). Orme ys the corporation will be in siness for at least another two ars and with wider powers.

Founded three years ago on the recommendation of a committee chaired by Sir Alec Cairncross, the corporation channels public money into firms undermined by the troubles and is trying to broaden the province's industrial base away from the needle trades, shipbuilding and a few manufacturing plants.

Sir Alec foresaw a long-term role for the corporation, while deputy chairman Brendan Harkin, general secretary of the Public Service Alliance (civil service and local government workers), wants 20 years.

John Warr, the corporation's managing director, left in October and in January was replaced by a general manager, Franklin Adair, formerly personal assistant to Rowan Hamilton, chief executive of Ulster Bank.

The NIFC has recently been taking on more staff, no doubt in anticipation of the promised but so far unspecified extra powers. Cork would like to see the NIFC able to make grants as well as loans to deserving companies and would like to help companies that are actually insolvent.

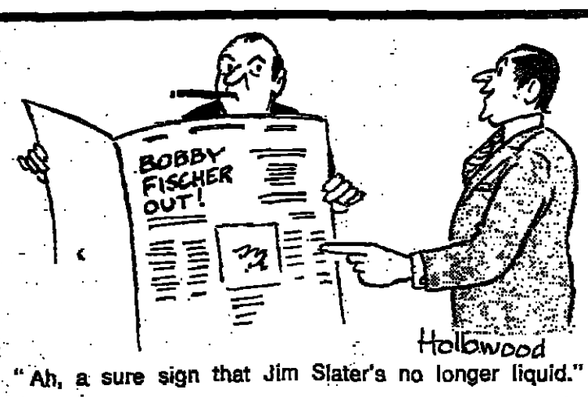
Meanwhile, spared from having to preside over the demise of the NIFC, Cork was yesterday pondering how the Royal Shakespeare Company could surmount its cash problems. The RSC has been offered about £650,000 by the Arts Council, Cork says, about £200,000 short of what the company says it thinks it needs.

Peoples' oil

The launching of a European People's Oil Company to finance the rapid development of North Sea oil and gas is the latest ambitious idea to come from Professor Peter Odell, the director of Rotterdam's economic geography institute.

In the latest edition of *Profile*, the quarterly magazine of ITT in Europe, Odell writes that there is an urgent need for a high risk opportunity for hundreds of thousands—even millions—of Europeans. English, Dutch, French, Germans and Scandinavians would welcome an opportunity to put some of their hard-earned savings into an operation which could make Europe 80 per cent self-sufficient in energy resources from the mid-1980s, he believes.

Odell calculates that the money involved to launch the new company and to give it the capacity really to develop North Sea oil production would not be large on a per capita basis—probably about £4 per European per year. The finance is required to supplement the efforts of oil producers and other interested parties.



"Ah, a sure sign that Jim Slater's no longer liquid."

"The North Sea, as the powerhouse of Europe, may be seen as a dream—but with sufficient effort and vision it is a dream which can quickly be converted into a powerful reality for the protection of Europe's long-term interests", Odell concludes.

Philips way

Philips's annual report for 1974 envisages a fall in profits this year, but asserts that prospects for the company's position in the world market are healthy. Behind this ostensibly unremarkable statement lies an interesting trend, 10 years in the making.

Philips's president Henk van Riemsdijk, son-in-law of founder Frits Philips, has said although the number of employees may rise from the present 397,000, the number of jobs in Holland, at present 95,000, will not increase before 1980. The quality of the jobs will improve, he says, with less unskilled work and more for skilled and white collar employees.

In fact, what is happening at Philips—and in other West European firms—is that all activity involving intensive use of unskilled labour in The Netherlands is being run down and transferred to where labour is cheaper and the domestic market less saturated.

What will be left is R and D high-skill production lines and the multinational's administrative heart.

With Philips having foreseen the situation that would arise as the lower income groups achieved better conditions, the penny is now dropping with other concerns—and not only in The Netherlands.

TUC view

The Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth yesterday heard evidence from several of the trade union movement's most senior figures, including Jack Jones, general secretary of the transport workers' union, and Len Murray, TUC general secretary. Among the commission's members is David Lee, head of the TUC's economic department and the man who did much to prepare the TUC's evidence.

Lee, secretary to the TUC Economic Committee which approved the evidence, asked Murray to elaborate on the TUC's wish that the commission should include sectoral breakdown on wealth as well as information on the personal distribution of wealth in its ultimate report.

London and Manchester Assurance Company Limited

Extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Mr Lewis Whyte, C.B.E., F.F.A., on the Group Report and Accounts for 1974

Further progress in a difficult year
Welfare Insurance becomes a subsidiary
Hopeful prospects for growth and profitability

1974 was a year which many in business would like to forget, yet the results for the Company as a whole turned out much better than we might have feared. This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and determination of everyone who works for us. The Directors would like to express their grateful thanks to the staff for all they have done during this very difficult year.

We were delighted to welcome The Rt. Hon. John Peyton, M.P. to our board last summer. He has a wide and varied experience both in politics and business, which will contribute greatly to our deliberations. Mr. Arthur Thew, who reached retiring age last January, retires from the board at the annual general meeting. He has been with the Company for 40 years. We shall greatly miss his companionship, his experience and his infectious enthusiasm. We thank him most warmly for all he has done for the Company.

The Company recently announced that it had acquired Winslade Manor, including a site of 35 acres on the outskirts of Exeter, where a new chief office building will be constructed for occupation by our staff by 1978. This coming move is the culmination of nearly three years' search for a suitable new centre well outside the London commuter belt. The main reasons for the decision are self-evident.

When the move is completed our modern and valuable freehold property in Finsbury Square will be available for sale or letting. In one way or another we hope to realise its valuable potential, which could in time have a beneficial effect of some significance on our investment income.

Welfare Insurance Company Limited

During recent years we had been forming the view that while not aspiring to be one of the giants of our industry, nevertheless, as a medium sized company, we were rather less than optimum size. We had therefore been on the lookout for any smaller life assurance company which might fit in well with our own organisation and be obtainable also on acceptable terms.

It was with this objective in view that last autumn we entered into negotiations for the acquisition of Welfare Insurance, a company which had recently become solely concerned with life business. After difficult and protracted negotiations we acquired a controlling interest of 51 per cent of the share capital for the sum of £25,500. The National Westminster Bank Ltd. which has a school fees plan with Welfare, acquired 49 per cent on comparable terms. As part of the terms of acquisition the previous owners injected £2m. into Welfare and the National Westminster Bank and others made available temporary loans on favourable terms. Both the new owners are represented on the board of Welfare and we welcome this new working partnership.

The difficulties of some life assurance companies which have expanded rapidly in recent years largely through the sale of single premium growth bonds and the like, followed later by surrenders on a substantial scale, are fairly well known. Welfare was not immune from such difficulties. It has, however, in addition, a substantial long-term business with annual renewable premiums of over £9½m. Much of this income derives from the types of contract not issued by your Company, including a promising involvement in pensions business.

The report and accounts of Welfare, as at 31st December, 1974 – less than one month after the date of acquisition – reveal the critical financial position of the company at that date. However, ever since the acquisition the new Welfare board has been hard at work carrying out, among many other matters, a very active and advantageous rearrangement of the Stock Exchange investment portfolios; all aimed at re-establishing a sound basis for future expansion. The first charge on surplus, as and when it emerges, will be the repayment of the temporary loans referred to earlier. When this is done we can in time look forward with hope to a satisfactory reward for this commitment, in addition to the wider benefits of embracing an organisation which in large measure is complementary to our own.

Industrial Branch

The new momentum which emerged two or three years ago has been well maintained and is now more fully reflected in the premium income which grew last year by 10·6 per cent.

This expansion is partly, though not entirely, due to the higher weekly earnings among our policyholders. However, the other side of this inflationary coin is the worrying increase in the expense ratio from 41·01 per cent. to 44·27 per cent. Part of the increase is due to special expenditure on converting our computer processes; part is due to increases in national insurance contributions, postage, local rates and many other expenses outside our control. The coming move to Exeter should in time contain some of the rises, but the principal benefits of the move will emerge in a gain in investment income.

Ordinary Branch

The new sums assured and new annual premiums show a fall compared with the previous year. The part generated by our own full-time field staff shows a moderate increase, but the amount coming through insurance brokers and other qualified agencies is lower. This was due largely to the deliberate policy, indicated in my statement for last year, of restricting the provision of mortgage and loan money in order to make more money available for investment in marketable fixed interest and equity stocks. As it happened, this policy turned out to be beneficial to our investment experience since many unusually attractive opportunities for investment occurred last year.

At present it seems unlikely that any similar restraint will be considered appropriate this year and, accordingly, the supply of mortgage and loan money will revert again to its more normal level. Therefore, taking the two main sources of the business together, there is a reasonable hope that the total new business in this branch will again expand.

General Branch

After the excellent expansion in the previous two years the growth of about 10 per cent. last year was a disappointment. This, however, does not lessen our belief that this branch is capable of playing a much more important part in our organisation than in former years.

Among the reasons for the slower growth are the lack of any material increases in the rates of premium, a countrywide slowing down in motor business, a strict control on the quality of the business and, regrettably, a tendency among some policyholders to attempt a false economy by under-insuring. Our claims experience was again satisfactory though, since this branch also bears its share of increased expenditure, the net contribution to profit and loss account is small.

We are working in increasingly close co-operation with the Sun Alliance & London Insurance Ltd., the reinsurers, who continue to be most helpful. I would like once again to express our sincere thanks to their directors and officials.

Investments

The valuation of the investments of the long term fund at the end of 1974 disclosed a shortfall on balance sheet values of £6·5m. This figure is based on: (a) the Stock Exchange investments (including 75 per cent. of the security dollar premium) at middle market prices at the end of 1974, (b) the valuation of all properties, including our chief office building in Finsbury Square, at current market valuation, (c) mortgages and loans at face value, less reserve.

Large scale changes were made last year in the portfolio of our Stock Exchange investments. They were mainly in the direction of reversing much of what had been done in the previous year, when substantial reductions were made in ordinary shares. Last year, especially during the latter part, we increased the ordinary and convertible sections (where again investment trusts played an important part) by over £10m., financing the purchases partly from the growth of the funds and partly from sales of British Government securities. We were thus in a favourable position to benefit from the dramatic rise in equity prices since the beginning of 1975. A more recent valuation of Stock Exchange investments at end-February shows a recovery of over £31m. which more than recoups the market shortfall of £28·5m. at the year-end.

The comment that too much attention should not be paid to market values on any one day is probably truer now than ever before. However, under our complete bonus system market values at year-end determine the amounts of the terminal bonus. The low figures at end 1974, even when adjusted to the two-year moving average, inevitably mean that any terminal bonuses declared this year are small. On the other hand, the reversionary bonuses are dependent primarily on investment income, which has maintained its buoyancy. The result of changes in the investment portfolio last year has raised the expectation of still higher investment income in 1975, combined with the recovery of asset values to which I have already referred.

Valuation of Liabilities

The Actuary has changed the interest basis used in the net premium method of valuing the life assurance contracts in both branches from 2·5 per cent. to 3 per cent. As a direct consequence sums totalling £4·5m. have been transferred to the Investments Reserve Fund increasing it to £8·5m. This amount amply exceeds the shortfall of £6·5m. in the investments of the life fund and also the shortfall of £1m. in the investments of the short-term fund.

This change is more than justified by the current level of yields in the investment arena. It is interesting to note that the last change, when the valuation rate of interest was reduced from 3 per cent. to 2·5 per cent. was in 1954. Then, the gross rate of interest earned on the Company's funds was approximately £4·7 per cent.; now, the rate is over double. The actual rate of interest earned on the life funds in 1974, after allowing for the transfers mentioned above, was £9·5 per cent. compared with £8·75 per cent. for the previous year. This gain is the main reason why the reversionary bonus in the Ordinary Branch has been increased to £4 per cent. with increases also in the Industrial Branch.

Any frequent changes in the valuation rates of interest in a net premium method are not desirable. The Actuary hopes therefore that the new rate can be maintained unaltered for some time to come.

Profit and Loss Account and Dividend

The amounts required to provide for terminal bonuses this year are, as would be expected, small. £200,000 has been transferred from inner reserve to the life funds; £125,000 to the Industrial Branch and £75,000 to the Ordinary Branch and one-tenth of the total, namely £20,000, is transferred to profit and loss account.

The normal transfers of £410,000 from the Industrial Branch and £415,000 from the Ordinary Branch are affected by three factors. Compared with the previous year they are increased on account of the growth of the funds; they are also increased on account of the higher rates of reversionary bonus, but they are diminished because of the change in the valuation rate of interest from 2·5 per cent. net to 3 per cent. net.

Total transfers and revenue of the profit and loss account exceed the cost of dividend recommended by £149,000, which is added to the amount carried forward. The dividend recommended is the maximum allowed by legislation. The results for the past year would have allowed an even higher dividend and we share the view expressed recently by many organisations that continuation of dividend restraint is harmful to the economic health of the community.

The Future

Forecasting is always hazardous especially in times like the present. On the other hand, in greater or lesser degree we are forming judgments and taking decisions every day, especially in investment and financial matters. We cannot therefore contract out of taking views about the future. Insofar as matters are within our control – and, of course many are not – we have great confidence about the future of your Company. Indeed, we believe that its present financial strength and the prospects for growth and profitability are better now than ever before.

During the first quarter of the current year there has been an encouraging expansion in the new business of both life branches.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 1st May, 1975. Copies of the Report, which includes the full text of the Chairman's Statement may be obtained from the Secretary at 50 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1HE.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

EMI's £15m 'rights' offering attracts 88pc acceptances

Entering the lengthening rights issue list with a £15m offering a month ago, EMI's issue of some 18.85 million ordinary shares on a one-for-four basis at 80p a share, underwritten by Lazards and Morgan Grenfell, closed yesterday with acceptances for about 88.4 per cent of the shares offered. The balance has been sold for the benefit of the ordinary stockholders who have not taken up their entitlement.

The purpose of the issue was to further the development of its business worldwide, but with particular emphasis in the medical electronics field.

As stated in the documents concerning the issue, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co of New York, holding about 5 per cent of the then equity on behalf of residents of the United States, under American law, could not accept subscriptions from such residents. The rights attributable to the holding were to be sold and a syndicate formed which would make an offer for the rights appertaining.

There were eight syndicates tendering competitively—five in the United States and three in the United Kingdom—and acquired by the highest offeror and disposed of as the syndicate thought fit.

The ratio of acceptances compares well with Rio Tinto-Zinc's recent £33m offering which attracted 82.7 per cent acceptances of the 22.7 million shares offered at 125p each.

McAlpine to subscribe for 21 pc of Westminster Props

Providing additional working capital, in an agreed deal, subject to shareholders' consent, Sir Alfred McAlpine is to pay a total of some £444,000 for slightly more than one-fifth of the equity of Westminster Property Group. McAlpine will subscribe in cash at 29p a share for 1.53m ordinary, which will give it a holding of 21.16 per cent of the Westminster enlarged capital.

Additionally the Westminster directors intend to invite Mr R. J. McAlpine to join the board, and foster the creation of a positive association between the two companies which will be of mutual benefit.

Peak year at Senior Eng

Senior Engineering, which has a broad spread of interests in engineering products, achieved record profits in 1974.

The bulk of the group's taxable profits came in the first half but the second leg, which showed a rise from £1.29m to £1.5m helped to push the full year's figure to £2.85m—a 23 per cent gain on the previous year's £2.3m.

This was struck after interest charges of £331,000 against £262,000. Turnover went up from £22m to £26.9m. The total dividend is raised from equal to 1.15p to 1.3p with a final payment of 0.65p.

The board say the group entered 1975 with outstanding orders some 26 per cent higher than a year ago. The cash flow from profit is strong and together with available borrowing facilities the group has adequate resources to finance present projects and provide additional working capital.

New chief at Hoover optimistic

In his first statement as chairman of Hoover, Mr P. Boon said the group had put the disappointing results for 1974 behind it and looked like having a good first quarter this year—after losing more than £3m in the final quarter of last term.

Mr Boon said price increases had so far been accepted by customers, but further rises would be necessary and it was possible that consumer resistance would stiffen. In the race to keep competitive, the policy was to remain as flexible as possible in order to conserve cash and remain profitable.

The company's major expansion was still continuing although the pace was slower than originally envisaged.

Brent Chem feel benefit of Pyrene

Benefiting from a first-time contribution from Pyrene Chemical Services (acquired in mid-1973), Brent Chemicals International on turnover 80 per cent better at £6.64m for 1974, stepped up taxable profits 83 per cent to £702,000—easily a record. Attributable earnings moved up from £173,000 to £282,000, and per-share from 4.4p to 7.5p. The dividend is raised from 1.42p to 2.27p, for which Treasury consent has been given because of the merger.

At midway, business was running ahead of targets, while Pyrene was fitting in well with the group. Overseas activity had also grown markedly and represented a substantial portion of the total turnover and profits. By October another record was confidently forecast.

Stock markets

Downturn in equities

Nervousness in gilt edged securities regarding the outlook for interest rates, unsettled stock markets yesterday. With the City also cautious ahead of Monday's disclosure of the United Kingdom trade figures for last month, Government bonds and equities fell back. Turnover in equities remained light but the *FT* index quickly slipped below the 300 mark, to close a net 9.1 off at 296.6.

Signs that United States interest rates may soon be turning upwards led to persistent selling of Government bonds yesterday, while the weaker trend of sterling also undermined gilt prices. Long-dated stocks fell by ¾ point, and medium-dated stocks declined by between ½ and ¾ point. Dealers reported no sign of a rally, with prices closing at the day's worst levels.

The market, which noted recently that Mr Rowland had joined the board of Venesta, was interested in yesterday's announcement that he has become a director of Wms Hudson Group, 44.1 per cent owned by his Argo-Caribbean Group. Hudson shares ended 1½p down at 26p.

There were also losses throughout the list in the short-dated sector and, unlike the pattern on Monday, even the shorter "shorts" fell an ⅛ to ¼ point. Longer-dated "shorts" closed ⅜ to ½ point down, which was 1/16 to ⅛ point above the day's worst. Even the Treasury 3 per cent, 1977 stock, which went ex-dividend for the first time ended the session a 1/16 point down on its opening level. Dealers reported that the turnover was "fair".

Leading equities were quickly undermined by gilts, and failed in an early attempt to rally. By mid-morning, share prices were moving downwards fairly steadily as the jobbers found that market had lost its buyers again.

Company results continued to provide many features. Good profits from GKN held the shares at 220p for a time, but they were eventually upset by the group's plans for a substantial rights issue, and the price dipped to 207½p before rallying to 210p, a net 15p off.

Metal Box (222p after 221p), Tube Investments (10p off at 228p) P & O (4p off at 102p), Turner & Newall (3p off at 103p) were others to ease.

ICI (22p), Bats (293p) and Beecham (220p) all slipped lower. Distillers dipped to 118p as buyers withdrew. At 115p, Bowater Corporation reacted from their recent firmness.

Among consumers, company news helped some mail orders but Marks & Spencer (187p) and Boots (186p) closed lower.

Lyle Shipping ordinary shares (30p down at 290p) and Reardon Smith "A" (20p off at 260p) both suffered for their recent rises on speculative buying in thin markets.

Improved second-half trading brought an initial spurt of 4p to 88p for Grattan "A" among companies reporting. But reflection brought some reaction and the shares closed at 78p. Lower profits left the shares of Freemans (SW9) 16p off at 157p while Blackwood Hodge were steady at 92p after announcing a 10 per cent scrip and profits up by 50 per cent. But Taylor Woodrow responded well to 15 per cent growth—better than market expectations—and ended the day 16p up at 216p. The pessimistic outlook painted by the chairman of Hoover left the "A" shares a few pence up at 250p.

Shares in Standard & Chartered Banking Group plummeted to 360p on news that Chase Manhattan is selling its stake. Later, the shares rallied to close at 372½p, a net 17½p off.

UK banking shares were 4p to 12p off, with Barclays Bk down to 238p and Lloyds Bk at 183p. Profit takers continued to cut into Sun Alliance which dipped 10p to 370p.

BP weakened again to 336p as the market had second thoughts on full reports and accounts published last week. But Burmah Oil, with results due soon, held firm at 41p.

Shares in Babcock & Wilcox, 1p up at 73p, remained firm against the trend of the market. The City hopes for good profits today and also for news of favourable developments at the German subsidiary.

United States buying of gold shares sent prices up sharply yesterday. Recoveries of 75p or so brought FS Geduld to £27½, and President Stern to £18.

Equity turnover on April 7 £73.5m (21,878 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were Distillers, Bowater, GKN, ICI, Bats, Unigate new, London Brick, Beechams, Burmah Oil, Reed International.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Assoc Biscuit (20p) Fin	1.93	1.6	—	3.6	3.2
Blackwood Hodge (25p) Fin	2.11	2.34†	30/5	4.12	4.08†
Brent Chemicals (10p) Fin	1.98	1.18	—	2.27	1.42
Brown & Jackson (20p) Fin	3.13	2.61	—	5.74	5.11
Equity Income (50p) Int	3.5	3.5	9/5	—	10.5
Ferry Pickering (10p) Int	1.68	1.5	20/5	—	3.5
Freemans (Londn) (25p) Fin	4.09	3.72	—	6.77	6.00
Grattan W'houses (25p) Fin	4.19	4.19	—	6.65	6.55
GKN (£1) Fin	10.27	9.05	—	15.87	14.05
Senior Eng (10p) Fin	0.65	0.65†	5/6	1.3	1.15†
Taylor Woodrow (25p) Fin	5.10	4.39	1/7	7.05	6.26

†Adjusted for scrip

ELYS (WIMBLEDON)
Dividend for 1974-75 raised from 2.04p to 2.26p. Sales, £3.5m (£3.1m). Net profit, £72,500 (£86,000). Earnings a share, 6.46p (7.17p).

CEDAR HOLDINGS
Against opposition from shareholders, the capital scheme of Cedar Holdings and the sale of properties were passed at class meetings yesterday.

Net earnings of Excess Holdings jump 65 pc

Diversified insurance group Excess Holdings, wholly-owned offshoot of International Telephone & Telegraph of the United States, in its annual report shows profit after tax and extraordinary items for 1974 climbing 65 per cent to £6.39m. Worldwide premium income rose by £5.5m to £30.43m in spite of the planned reduction of unprofitable foreign premiums.

Mr William Samengo-Turner, chairman, is generally confident that its long-term future "holds great promise". In the meantime a "substantial" provision has been made in the accounts for doubtful debts in view of the present financial climate. Credit control procedures are also being tightened.

The effect of the fall in stock market prices would have been far worse (a decline of £5.57m in the value of investments), had not the group maintained a high degree of liquidity and a substantial investment in American dollars. Nevertheless capital and reserves of the group increased some £828,000 to £19.2m.

Eagle Star buys more EPC shares

Eagle Star Insurance which only last week revealed that it had acquired a further 175,000 English Property Corporation 50p shares giving it a stake in the EPC equity of 21.36 per cent has bought a further small parcel. This amounts to 25,000 EPC shares and raises the Eagle Star stake to 21.4 per cent. It was in June last year that EPC became an associate of Eagle Star when it pushed its holding to over 20 per cent.

Ferry Pickering runs into snag

Finishing strongly last year, the Ferry Pickering Group of printers, publishers and packagers put on the pace in the opening half to December 31. Pre-tax profit jumped 40 per cent to £324,000 and earnings per share from 3.1p to 4.33p. The half-time payment is raised from 1.5p to 1.68p.

The course of running in the second stage is more doubtful. In the third quarter the group has not been working with the backlog of orders experienced in the first-half. The situation, the board says, is difficult to assess, and it believes it may be because of customers destocking. Further progress in the fourth quarter depends, therefore, on this position being corrected.

Brown & Jackson

Brown & Jackson, the Lancashire-based building and civil engineering contractors, has produced record profits and turnover in 1974. Taxable profits rose by 27 per cent from £409,000 to £518,000 and turnover from £7.1m to £7.59m. The total dividend is being raised from 5.11p to 5.74p with a final payment of 3.13p.

Wall Street

New York, April 8.—The stock market closed higher today in slow trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 6.34 points to 749.22. The Dow index shot up to about the five-point level in the first half-hour of trading, and stayed higher the entire session.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines about 710 to 620.

Volume totalled 14,320,000 shares compared with 13,860,000 shares traded yesterday.

US gold up 70c

New York, April 8.—GOLD futures closed little changed on balance. The New York Comex ended 45 to 70 cents higher, while the Chicago IMM was 30 cents lower to 80 cents higher. Comex volume dropped to 545 contracts from 712 yesterday, while IMM volume was estimated at 1,170 contracts. NY COMEX.—April, $172.00; May, $173.50; June, $174.50; Aug, $176.80; Oct, $179.00; Dec, $181.40; Feb, $183.80; April, $186.20; June, $188.60; Aug, $191.00. CHICAGO IMM.—April, $172.00 nominal; June, $174.40-174.00; Sept, $177.20 asked; Dec, $181.00 asked; March, $185.30; June, $190.00; Sept, $192.00 nominal. SILVER was easier. The spot month dropped 2.00c and this loss was general throughout all contracts. There were 9,568 sales, with only three in April and four in June. April, 408.50c; May, 410.00c; June, 412.90c; July, 415.80c; Sept, 421.50c; Dec, 430.00c; Jan, 432.60c; March, 438.30c; May, 443.80c; July, 449.30c. Handy & Harman 415.50 (previous 405.00). Handy & Harmon of Canada, $Can4.171 (previous $Can4.078). COPPER was steady. There were 872 sales. April, 59.30c; May, 59.70c; June, 60.30c; July, 60.80c; Sept, 61.90c; Dec, 63.60c; Jan, 64.10c; March, 65.10c; May, 66.10c. WOOL futures were unchanged at the close, while CROSSBRED futures were tradeless. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 108.0c nominal; May, 115.0-117.0c; July, 117.0-120.0c; Oct, 120.0-134.0c; Dec, 125.0-129.0c; March, 126.0-131.5c; May, 127.0-134.0c; July, 128.0-135.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 65.0c nominal; May, 70.0-73.0c; July, 73.1-75.0c; Oct, 72.0-79.0c; Dec, 73.0c bid; March, 74.0c bid; May, 74.0c bid; July, 74.0c bid. CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—May, 578½-577c; July, 577-578c; Aug, 578c; Sept, 576c; Nov, 569-567½c; Jan, 575½c; March, 581½c. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 27.85-.80c; July, 26.55-.65c; Aug, 25.85-.90c; Sept, 25.00-.20c; Oct, 24.25c bid; Dec, 23.30-.50c; Jan, 23.00c; March, 22.40c bid. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $126.00; July, $131.50-132.00; Aug, $133.50 bid; Sept, $136.00 bid unchanged; Oct, $138.00; Dec, $141.50 bid unchanged; Jan, $144.00 bid; March, $147.00 bid. CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed mixed two lower to 1½ higher. May, 372-372½c; July, 360½-361c; Sept, 366-366½c; Dec, 376c; March, 383c. MAIZE closed mixed 1½ lower to 2½ higher. May, 295½-295c; July, 294½-295c; Sept, 285½c; Dec, 271½-272c; March, 276c; May, 280c. OATS closed firm ½ to 2½ higher. May, 156½c; July, 150-149½c; Sept, 145½c; Dec, 149c. COCOA futures closed weak, down the 2.0 cent daily allowable limit across the board. Volume reached 468 lots with 112 lots unsold at the limit decline at the close. Traders said they were shocked and surprised at the 34.5 per cent decline in United States cocoabean grindings for the first quarter of 1975. The fall reflects lagging chocolate products consumption puts to high cocoa bean prices and the economic recession. The United States Chocolate Manufacturers' Association, representing about 60 per cent of the chocolate industry, placed first quarter grindings at 38,073 short tons, down from 75,364 tons crushed in the same three months of 1974. May, 60.85c; July, 57.75c; Sept, 56.35c; Dec, 53.15c; March, 54.30c; May, 53.75c; July, 53.60c; Sept, nil. Spots: Ghana 70½; Bahia 68½. COFFEE.—Futures attracted support after posting lows ranging to a little over one cent down. The mild rally was led by July which met fair short-covering, to close at 49.50 cents a lb. At the close, futures ranged from 0.50 to 0.80 cent down, with volume at 252 contracts. May, 48.25-40c; July, 49.10-50c; Sept, 50.40-75c; Nov, 51.35c; Dec, 51.50c; March, 51.50c bid. COTTON futures closed about 0.40 cent higher on commission house short covering influenced by technical factors. The rise also was attributed to renewed concern over the danger of planting delays due to heavy floods this past week. The trade was a light seller scale up. May, 43.20-.25c; July, 44.05-.10c; Oct, 45.52-37c; Dec, 46.32-.54c; March, 47.05c bid; May, 47.55c bid; July 48.05c bid. World spot SUGAR was up 1.5 cents on long to 24.50 cents a lb. Spot 34.50 up 1.60; May, 24.55-.85c; July 23.00-.25c; Sept, 23.15-21.88c; Oct, 21.05-.35c; Jan, 19.30c nominal; March, 19.25c nominal; May, 18.70c asked; July, 18.10c nominal; Sept, 17.52c nominal.

	Apr 8	Apr 7
Allied Chem.	34⅛	34⅝
Allied Stores	28	27⅞
Allied Supermkt.	3⅛	3⅛
Allis Chalmers	8⅝	8⅝
Alcoa	33⅝	33⅞
Amax Inc	40⅝	40
Amerada Hess	16⅞	16⅞
Am. Airlines	8⅛	8¼
Am. Brands	39⅝	38½
Am. Broadcast	18½	18
Am. Can.	31½	31⅛
Am. Cyan.	24	25⅞
Am. El. Power	16⅜	16⅞
Am. Home	36⅝	36⅛
Am. Motors	5⅝	5⅝
Am. Nat. Gas	35	34½
Am. Smelt.	16⅜	16½
Am. Standard	12½	12
Am. Tel.	46⅞	48⅛
Amf. Inc.	15⅛	15
Anaconda	17	16½
Armco Steel	29⅛	28⅛
Ashland Oil	18⅝	18⅝
Atl. Richfield	81½	81½
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	34⅞	34½
Bank of Am.	36½ a	36⅞ b
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat Fds.	19⅝	19⅝
Beck. Dick	35⅞	35⅞
Bell & Howell	14½	14
Bendix	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	21⅞
Borg Warner	16⅝	16⅞
Bristol Myers	57	56½
BP	8	8⅝
Budd	5⅞	5⅝
Burl. Ind.	22⅞	22⅝
Burlington Nthn	35⅝	34
Burroughs	[illegible]	88¼
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	30
Canadian Pac.	[illegible]	13
Caterpillar	63	62½
Celanese	[illegible]	29
Central Soya	[illegible]	11⅝
Charter N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	[illegible]	30⅞
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	[illegible]	34½
Chesapeake Ohio	[illegible]	33
Chrysler	10⅛	9⅞
Citicorp	[illegible]	32½
Cities Serv.	[illegible]	37⅛
Clark Equip	[illegible]	27⅛
Coca Cola	[illegible]	73⅝
Colgate	[illegible]	27⅜
C.B.S.	[illegible]	40
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	22
Comb Eng	36	36
Comw. Edison	[illegible]	23⅞
Con. Edison	11¼	11⅜
Cons Foods	13⅝	13⅝
Cons Power	14⅝	14⅜
Cont. Can.	25	25
Cont. Oil	44	44
Control Data	14½	15
Corning Glass	43⅞	43⅝
C.P.C. Intnl.	39⅝	39⅝
Crane	40½	40⅜
Crocker Int	22½	22⅞
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	32
Dart Ind.	21	21⅝
Deere	38⅝	38⅝
Del Monte	22½	22⅞
Delta Air	35⅝	36½
Detroit Edison	10⅝	10⅝
Disney	[illegible]	50½
Dow Chem.	[illegible]	72½
Dresser Ind.	46½	48½
Duke Power	13½	13⅞
Du Pont	103	101
Eastern Air	5⅛	5⅛
East. Kodak	88⅞	89½
Eaton Corp.	26⅞	27½
El Paso G.	11⅞	12
Equitable Life	17⅝	17
Esmark	25⅞	25⅞
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	5
Exxon Corp	71⅝	70½
Firestone	16⅝	17⅜
Fst. Chicago	17	17⅛
Fst. Nt. Boston	27½	27¾
Fst. Penn Corp	15⅝	15⅝
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G.A.F. Corp.	9⅛	9⅛
Gamble Skogmo	23⅞	23⅞
Gen. Dynam.	34⅜	34⅛
Gen. Electric	45⅛	44⅞
Gen Foods	23	22⅝
Gen. Instr.	10½	11⅛
Gen. Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Motors	[illegible]	35⅝
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13⅝	13⅝
Gen. Tel. El.	20	20
Gen. Tire	13¼	13
Genesco	3⅞	3½
Georgia Pac	39⅛	38
Getty Oil	154	[illegible]
Gillette	30⅝	[illegible]
Goodrich	16⅝	16½
Goodyear	17	16⅞
Gould Inc.	19⅝	19⅝
Grace	25	24⅝
Grant W.T.	4¼	4¼
Gt. At. & Pac.	9⅝	9⅝
Greyhound	11⅝	11½
Grumman Cp.	14⅝	14⅛
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	19½
Gulf Wtn. Ind.	33½	33⅛
Heinz, H. J.	45⅛	45½
Hercules	22⅝	22⅞
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Cent Ind	13⅝	13½
Ingersoll	73⅞	73½
Inland Steel	33⅞	33⅞
I.B.M.	201½	197⅞
Int. Harv.	24⅝	24½
Int. Nickel	25½	24⅞
Int. Paper	[illegible]	41⅝
Int. Tel. Tel.	19¼	19½
Jewel Co	23⅝	23⅞
Jim Walter	32¼	32⅝
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Kennecott	35½	35⅞
Kerr McGee	77⅜	77⅛
Kimb. Clk.	39½	39¼
Kraftco Cp.	33⅝	[illegible]
Kresge S.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	21
Ligg. Myer	27⅛	27⅞
L.T.V.	12⅝	12⅞
Litton	6⅛	6⅝
Lockheed	6	6
Lucky Stores	13⅛	13½
Magnavox	6½	6⅝
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	30⅝
Mapco	33⅝	33
Marathon Oil	52½	52⅝
Marcor Inc.	[illegible]	21½
Marine Mid.	[illegible]	17⅛
Martin Mar.	15⅜	15⅝
McDonnell	10⅛	10¼
Mead	15⅞	15½
Merck	71⅝	70
Minn. Min.	[illegible]	47⅝
Mobil Oil	38⅝	37⅜
Monsanto	55½	55¼
Morgan, J. P.	57⅝	56⅞
Motorola	47⅜	46⅛
NCR Corp	25½	25⅜
NL Ind	13⅛	13⅛
Nat. Bisc.	30½	31⅛
Nat. Distill.	14⅝	14⅝
Nat. Steel	38⅝	38¼
Norfolk West	65⅛	64⅛
NW Bancor	37⅛	37¼
Norton Simon	17⅞	17¼
Occ. Pet.	13⅛	13⅛
Ogden	17⅛	17
Olin Corp.	18½	18¼
Otis Elev.	29⅛	30
Owens Ill.	38⅝	38⅝
Pac. Gas. El.	19½	19⅛
Pan. Am.	4	4
Penn. Cent.	1⅝	1⅝
Penney J C	51⅝	51½
Pennzoil	17¼	17¼
Pepsico	57	56⅛
Pet Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	32	31¼
Phelps Dod.	37⅛	37⅝
Philip Mor.	47½	46⅜
Phill. Pet.	39⅛	38⅞
Polaroid	25⅞	25⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	25½	25⅞
Proc. Gamble	91⅝	91½
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	14⅛	14⅞
Pullman	41	44⅛
Rapid American	7	7⅛
Raytheon	34½	34
RCA Corp	15⅝	15½
Repub. Steel	32¼	31½
Reynolds Ind.	52½	52⅝
Reynolds Metal	18⅝	18⅞
Rockwell Int	19⅝	19⅞
Royal Dutch	34⅛	33⅞
Safeways	42⅝	42⅞
St. Regis	22⅝	22
Santa Fe Ind	28⅝	28
SCM	12⅛	12⅞
Schlumbgr.	108⅞	107
Scott. Paper	16⅝	16½
Seaboard Coast	35⅝	36
Seagram	29⅝	29⅝
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Sperry Rand	34½	33½
Squibb	35⅛	35
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Std. Oil Cal.	23⅛	25½
Std. Oil Ind.	37⅞	37⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	56½	56⅞
Sterling Drug	19⅝	19½
Stevens J.P.	12¼	12⅝
Stude Worth	29¼	27⅞
Sunbeam Cp.	17½	18⅞
Sundstrand	19⅛	19½
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Teledyne	10½	10⅝
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Texas East Trans	26⅝	26⅛
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Textron	19½	19½
T.W.A.	10⅛	9⅞
Travelers Gp.	20⅞	21⅛
T.R.W. Inc.	17⅞	17⅛
U.A.L. Inc.	19⅝	19
Unilever Ltd.	31	31
Unilever N.V.	44	44
Unionamerica	2	2⅛
Union Bancorp	8⅛	8⅝
Union Carb.	55	54⅛
Un. Oil Cal.	35	35½
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Wells Fargo	15⅛	15⅝
West'n Bancorp	21⅞	22
Westghs El.	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	31⅞	31⅞
Whirlpool	23⅛	23½
White Motor	8⅛	8⅛
Woolworth	14	14
Xerox Cp.	68½	67⅛
Zenith.	16½	16⅞

Canadian Prices

	Apr 7	Apr 4
Abitibi	9⅛	9⅛
Alcan	19½	20⅝
Alg. Steel	27⅞	27
Asbestos	14 h	15⅝ a
Bell Tel.	46½	46½
Can. Sup. Oil	32⅛	32⅛
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.84	4.58
Cominco	23⅞	23⅞
Cons. Bat.	22⅛	22⅝
Distiller	28⅞	28⅛
Falconbridge	30⅛	31⅛
Gulf Oil	28⅝	29⅛
Hawker Can.	5.00	5.12
Hud. Bay Min	18	17⅞
Hud. Bay Oil	23	23⅛
I.A.C. Ltd.	18½	19
Imasco	28⅛	29⅛
Imp. Oil	26⅞	24⅞
Int. Pipe	13⅛	13
Mass.-Fergsn.	15	15⅛
Power Cp.	9⅛	9⅛
Price Bros.	14	14
Royal Trust	22½	22⅞ b
Steel Co.	27⅞	27⅞
Tex. Can.	31½	32
Trans. Mnt. Oil	10½	10⅞
Walker H.	34	35⅛
W.C.T.	21⅞	21½

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Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3895 ($2.3805); three months, $2.3535 ($2.3513); Canadian dollar, 99.30c (99.42c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index up 3.54 to 309.58. The futures index was 285.06.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 749.22 (742.88); transportation, 160.36 (159.58); utilities, 75.41 (76.50); 65 stocks, 234.00 (232.57). New York Stock Exchange index, 42.08 (41.69); industrials, 47.26 (46.88); transportation, 30.49 (30.44); utilities, 29.78 (29.77); financial, 45.67 (45.47).

Hamersley look to higher iron ore prices

The current recession in the world economy adversely affected the immediate prospects for increased iron ore shipments, Mr Russ Madigan, chairman of Hamersley Holdings, told shareholders at the annual meeting. But he expected that marginally more ore would be shipped during the current year than in 1974 when nearly 32.8m wet tonnes was exported from the mine in Western Australia. Mr Madigan added that his prediction was based on the assumption that the current international recession would not deepen.

Current iron ore price levels were still too low to justify the development of major new capacity in Australia. But he was hopeful that the recent price increases, together with the accepted need for more frequent price reviews, would put Hamersley on the path to an adequate real return on assets employed—$A1,000m in today's money.

Great Boulder Mines slide into interim loss

After 28 weeks, to December 31, Great Boulder Mines saw its net profit of $A472,000 reversed with a loss of $425,000 (about £236,000). These figures are struck after mine amortization up from $291,000 to $327,000, depreciation raised from $164,000 to $176,000 and exploration write-offs $20,000 higher at $100,000 and income from dividends of $472,000 ($443,000).

The company said these results reflect up to October 11 the relevant portions of its interests in the joint venture operations with North Kalgurli Mines which have now been terminated. After that date, revenue and expenditure are all for Great Boulder. Also affecting the outcome was surface subsidence at the Scotia mine which left production of nickel in concentrates down from 2,036 to only 593 tonnes. But at Carr Boyd Rocks, contained nickel output rose from 390 to 670 tonnes. The shares eased 4p to 37p after the announcement.

Business appointments

Two new directors for board of Williams Hudson Group

Mr D. J. Rowland and Mr R. Roberts become directors, and Mr M. J. O. Kettle and Mr R. Bush have resigned from the board of the Williams Hudson Group.

Mr H. J. Maltus has been made a general manager of Standard and Chartered Banking Group.

Mr I. G. Hopkinson, deputy chairman, has been elected chairman and remains chief executive Hopkinsons Holdings. Mr J. F. Goulding becomes executive group controller. Mr J. A. Fuller has been made managing director of Hopkinsons Limited.

Mr Simon Everard has been elected vice-chairman of Ellis & Everard. Mr David Walsh, Mr Anthony Billson and Mr David Wells are to become directors from May 1.

Mr Roland Franklin and Mr Donald Kerr have joined the board of Cannon Assurance.

Mr. Alan Callwood, Mr Colin Evans and Mr John Martin have joined the board of Pauls & Whites Foods. Mr R. Clyde Wallace joins the board of White Stevenson.

Sir Eric Clayson has retired from the board of Associated Television Corporation but will remain a director of ATV Network. Sir George Farmer has resigned as a director of ATV Network.

Mr B. R. Essex has been made a director of Guinness Peat Industrials.

Mr Malcolm Gates has been made a director of The Royal Trust Company of Canada (C.I.).

Mr Ian Sanderson becomes corporate treasurer of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings). He also joins the boards of two of the divisional holding companies, TKM Investments and TKM Financial Services.

Professor David Flint has been made president of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Mr Johan M. Katz becomes an assistant vice-president of Bache & Co Inc and will be in charge of retail sales at the Bache London security office.

Mr M. W. Hilton has been made managing director and chief executive of Richard Garrett Engineering in succession to Mr R. M. Hadfield who becomes deputy chairman. Mr Hilton will also join the board of Beyer Peacock.

After the decision of Mr T. L. de Gara to resign as chairman and joint managing director of West Cumberland Silk Mills, Mr M. H. Allan has been elected executive chairman and Mr B. H. Kutner joint managing director with Mr J. R. R. Baudrand. Mr H. N. Barber becomes financial director.

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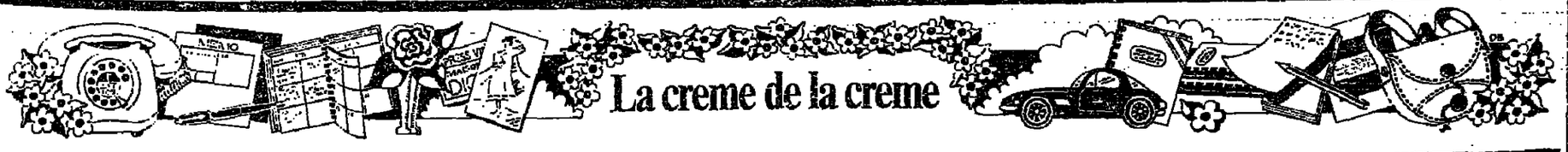
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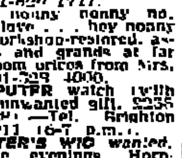
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Broadcasting

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BBC 1

12.30 pm, Day and Night. 12.55, News. 1.00, Pebble Mill. 1.45-2.00, *Fingerbobs*. 4.00, Play School. 4.25, Boris the Bold: 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, The Monkees. 5.15, Arctic Summer: Baffin Island. *5.40, Magic Roundabout.*

5.45 News. 6.00, Nationwide.*
6.45 Film, Lassie Come Home (1943), with Roddy McDowall, Donald Crisp, Elizabeth Taylor.
8.10 You're On Your Own.
9.00 News.
9.25 Last of the Summer Wine.
9.55 Sportsnight: Cup Soccer.
10.45 Midweek.
11.28 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC1):

BBC WALES. — 4.50-5.10, Stroeon Codi Ha. 5.10-5.15, Yogi Bear. 6.00-6.45, Wales Today—Nationwide. 6.45-7.10, Heddiw. 7.10-7.40, Pobol y Cwm. 7.40-8.10, Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads. 11.28, News of Wales. SCOTLAND—6.00-6.45 pm, Reporting Scotland: Nationwide. 9.55-10.45, Sportsreel. 11.28, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND—6.00-6.45 pm, Scene Around Six. Nationwide. 9.25-9.55, When That Flag Drops: John Watson. 11.28, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University*: Nutrition Feeding and Digestion in Animals; 7.05, Mining: 7.30-7.55, Chemistry of Carbon Compounds. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 3.00, Open University*: *Language and Learning*; 5.25, Frank Lloyd Wright; 5.50, Urban Education; 6.15, Innovation and Farmers' Decisions; *6.40, The Innocent Eye*. 7.05, Worlds Without Sun: The Cave of the Black Spring.

7.30 Newsday.
7.45 We Always Race 'Em Hungry: Hound trailing.
8.10 Worldwide: Canadian Viewpoint.
9.00 Lakeland Summer.
9.25 The Fight Against Slavery: Part 4, Tight Packers and Loose Packers.
10.20 One Man's Week: Vivian Stanshall, phonofiddler and hopeful turtle breeder.
10.50 News.
11.20-11.25, Manning Wilson reads The Geate A-vallen To, by William Barnes.

Thames

11.00 am, Riptide. 11.50, Cartoon. 12.00, Mr Trimble. 12.15 pm, Rupert Bear. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, World Skating Gala. 3.55, Kreskin. 4.25, Hatty Town. 4.35, Baldmoney, Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry. 4.50, The Tomorrow People. 5.20, Anna and the King.

5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 My Old Man.
8.30 Marcus Welby, MD.
9.30 The Wackers.
10.00 News.
10.30 Professional Wrestling.
11.15 The Way We Live.
11.45 Church on the Attack, with Father Desmond Tutu, Dean of Johannesburg.

ATV

11.30 am, Mr Piper. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.55, Untamed World. 4.25, Hatty Town. 4.40, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Kung Fu. 9.30, Thames. 11.15, Father Pachal.

Southern

11.15 am, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Kelso Horse Sales. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.55, The Great Little Trains of Wales. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 10.30, Music in Camera. 11.00, Southern News. 11.10, Man in a Suitcase. 12.05 am, Weather, Guideline.

HTV

11.30 am, Horses, Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Films: Seven in Darkness. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, The Great Western Musical Thunderbox. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 11.15, Police Surgeon. 11.45, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.25, Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.50, Miri Mwy. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00, Survival. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 6.15-6.30 pm, Report West.

Granada

11.00 am, Sesame Street. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.55, The Galloping Gourmet. 4.25, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Doris Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 10.30, McMillan and Wife. 11.55-12.25 am, Focus on Wildlife.

Ulster

11.15 am, The Enchanted House. 11.30, Horses, Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.55, Out of Town. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Survival. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30-11.15, Thames.

Scottish

11.00 am, Puppets. 11.30, Horses, Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 3.55, The Yellow House. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Laceybuttonpoppers. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Kenneth McKellar. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Grill. 9.30, Thames. 10.30, At Your Request. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-11.35, A Place in Europe: France. Vaux-Le-Vicomte.

Westward

11.00 am, Yoga for Health. 11.30, Horses: Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 3.55, Look Who's Talking. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Elephant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 11.10, Westward News. 11.13, Faith for Life

Yorkshire

11.00 am, Manfred. 11.10, A Big Country. 11.40, Woobinda. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News.* 1.30, Thames. 3.00, Film: Never Put It in Writing, with Pat Boone, Milo O'Shea, Fidelma Murphy.* 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar.* 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames 11.15-11.45, Look Ahead.

Anglia

11.20 am, Horses, Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.55, Showcase. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Elephant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.15, Your Music at Night.

Border

11.05 am, Thrillseekers. 11.30, Horses, Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Bridget Loves Bernie. 1.00, News. 1.25, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.55, The Odd Couple. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Zoo Gang. 9.30, Thames. 11.15, Border News Summary.*

Tyne Tees

11.00 am, Manfred. 11.10, A Big Country. 11.30, Horses, Lots of Horses.* 12.00, Thames. 3.00, Film. Never Put It in Writing, with Pat Boone, Milo O'Shea.* 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Woody Woodpecker. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 10.30, Grill. 11.25, News. 11.35, Epilogue.

Grampian

11.30 am, Horses, Lots of Horses. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 3.55, Galloping Gourmet. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Dusty's Trail. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Wednesday File. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, ATV. 9.25, Police News. 9.30, Thames. 11.15, Prayers.

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Anne Nightingale. 7.02, Lucky 13.† 7.30, Ring-a-Song.† 8.02, Country Club.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Tom Edwards.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Tom Edwards.† 12.31, News.
† Stereo.

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5.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray† (10.50, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Radio 1. 8.02, Soccer Special. 9.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Jeremiah Clarke, Mendelssohn, Boiltesini.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice: part 2. Mozart, Schumann.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Liszt.† 9.40, Organ Recital: Sweelinck, Bach, Mathias Hawdon, Langlais.† 10.20, Settings of E. E. Cummings.† 11.10, Scottish National Orchestra: part 1. Mozart.† 11.45, Reading. 11.50, Concert: part 2. Mahler.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Concert Hall: Liszt, John Sykes, Samuel Barber, Fauré. 2.00, New Records: Bach, Weelkes, Martinu.† 3.00, Wind and Piano: Roussel, Simon Bainbridge, Beethoven.† 3.55, In Repertory: Anthony Beech illustrates four operas.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Norwich Cathedral. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Vient de Paraitre. 7.00, Kontakte. 7.30, Dvorak.† 8.00, Geza Anda, English Chamber Orchestra: part 1, Mozart and Schubert.† 9.05, Lefebvre the Historian, talk. 9.25, Concert: part 2. Beethoven.† 10.10, Scientifically Speaking. 10.55, Motets: Parry, Wilbye, Samuel Wesley, Howells, Harris.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.43, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Parents and Children. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Round Britain Quiz. 11.30, Play. Perfect Working Order. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1975. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. Reflections before the Plunge. 4.00, News. 4.05, Two Pigs in a Poke. 4.35, Story Time: Hard Times, by Charles Dickens. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.15, Twenty Questions. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Celebration: George Formby Jr. 8.15, Play: One to the Power of Two. 9.00, Whatever Happened to BBC English? 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Truth About Pygmalion. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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BEDFORD.—On April 8th, at Welbeck Street Nursing Home, to Deborah (nee Sitwell) and Michael—a daughter, sister for Oliver.

BOEHM.—On April 7th, at the Westminster Hospital, London, to Charlotte (nee Oldham) and David Boehm—a daughter (Mary Clare).

BRIND.—On April 7th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Charlotte (nee Luard) and Julian—a daughter.

DUNIPACE.—On April 7th to Linda (nee Gibb) and Robin—a son.

GREGORY-SMITH.—On April 7th, 1975, to Susan (nee Hawes) and Graham—a sister for Elizabeth.

KOENE-MASTERMAN.—On April 5, 1975, at home in Rijswijk, The Netherlands, to Sue (nee Cunliffe) and Anton—a daughter (Genevieve Alexandra Marie), a sister for Merlin, Marcel, Marie-Jose, Julian, Rene, Charles and Marga.

MANT.—On April 4, 1975, to Catherine (nee Blaxstock) and Alistair—a daughter (Isabel Catherine).

MASSON.—On April 8th to Marion (nee Hunter) and Peter—a son, a brother for David, Andrew and Michael.

RATHBONE.—On April 7th to Susan and Sebastian—a son (Jonathan David).

RYAN.—On April 7th, 1975, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee McCann) and Kevin—a daughter (Frances Mary Alice).

SMITH.—On April 8 at Mount Alvernia Nursing Home, Guildford, to Christine and Richard Smith—a son.

SPROULL.—On 4th April to Dugald and Helen Sproull, of Port Isaac, Cornwall—a daughter (Zoe).

TAYLOR.—On 5 April, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Jacqueline (nee Wort) and Stephen—a daughter (Sophie Louise).

WINSLOW.—On March 24, at Sydney, New South Wales, to Krystyna (nee Olesniewska) and John Kinelor Winslow—a daughter (Janet Sylvana).

YOUNG.—On 4th April, 1975, to Mary (nee Gernett) and Robert—a son (Peter Robert).

BIRTHDAYS

TIGGER. Very happy birthday Mokey. E.A.W.

MARRIAGES

GODFREY : MACKENZIE.—On April 5th, 1975, at Fornham All Saints', Bury St. Edmunds, Antony Michael Dasborough Godfrey to Andrea Mary Mackenzie.

SCOTT : JAMES.—On 5th April, at Headley Church, Hants, Timothy, only son of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Scott, of Norwich, Norfolk, to Fiona, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. James, of Headley, Bordon, Hants.

DEATHS

ALLINGTON.—On April 7th, at Newtown House Nursing Home, Highcliffe, Alan, aged 71, of 29 Colemere Gardens, Highcliffe, Dorset. Dearly loved husband of I.V. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Monday, 14th April, at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to the Post Office and Civil Servants Sanatorium Society, c/o A. V. Ridout, (Funeral Directors), 412 Lymington Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset.

ANDREWS, NICHOLAS GEORGE.—Of Penny's Lane, Fordingbridge, Hants. Dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs Ernest Andrews, late partner of Joy and Company, London. Tragically on April 5th, following a road accident in Hampshire. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Fordingbridge, at 12 noon Friday, April 11th. Cremation at Salisbury, 3.30 p.m. Cut flowers and enquiries to: Sterling & Sons, Church St., Fordingbridge.

BIRKHEAD.—On Sunday, 6th April, John, aged 44, of Radley College and the Grey House, Sibsins, most dear husband of Margaret and loving father of Alexander and Sebastian. Funeral service at St. James's Church, Radley, at 12 p.m. on Monday, 14th April, to be followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but at his request donations may be sent to the West Oxfordshire Arts Association, Bampton, Oxon. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

BOND.—On April 5th, 1975, in Cirencester Hospital, peacefully after a long illness, Evelyn Mary, of the Old House, Ampney Crucis, wife of Geoffrey. Funeral service Friday, April 11th, 12.30 p.m., at Holy Cross Church, Ampney Crucis, followed by cremation at Cheltenham. Cut flowers only to Packer and Slade, 1 City Bank Road, Cirencester.

BRADSHAW.—On 7th April, 1975, peacefully, at 49 Lowndes Square, S.W.1, Doreen Marjory, widow of Robert Bradshaw. Service Golders Green Crematorium, Monday, 14th April, at 12.15 p.m. Flowers to Kenyons Chapels, 83 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

CAVANAGH.—On 5th April, 1975, at Bath, Dom George Vincent Cavanagh, monk of Downside Abbey, aged 65. Funeral at Downside Abbey, Wednesday, April 9th, at 2.30 p.m. R.I.P.

CHAPMAN.—On April 6th, 1975, in hospital, Violet (Babs) of Little Croft, Forest Row, and formerly of Langhurst Copse, Chiddingfold. Daughter of the late Lt. Cmdr. E. P. Chapman, R.N., and sister of the late Val Newton and Ivy Chapman. Funeral at Forest Row Cemetery on Monday, April 14, at 12 noon. No flowers, please.

CONDON.—On April 6th, 1975, peacefully at Torbay Hospital, Isola Mary, widow of Brigadier William Edmund Hunt Condon, much loved by her late husband and by her children. Funeral service at St. Martin's Church, Barton, Torquay, on Friday, 11th April at 11 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Torbay and District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay.

DAWSON-HALL.—On 7th April, 1975, at home, Dorothy Anna, beloved wife of Eric Edward and much loved mother of Nigel, Veronica and Patricia. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Amberley, on Friday, 11th April at 2.00 p.m. Flowers to E. A. Brown, Funeral Directors, Brimscombe 3100.

DINGLE.—On Monday, April 7, 1975, Peter Dingle of 118 Marlborough Ave., Hull, son of Herbert Dingle of 104 Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey. Cremation at Hull Crematorium on Thursday, April 10, 1975, at 3 p.m.

EASTMOND.—On 7th April, 1975, at Bexhill Hospital, Major Archibald Eastmond, M.C., F.I.C.E., sometime executive engineer, United Provinces, P.W.D., aged 85 years, beloved husband of Barbara (formerly Young) and dear father of Lorna. Cremation at Eastbourne at 9.30 a.m., Monday, 14th April. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to League of Friends of Bexhill Hospital or Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Please, no letters.

ELLIOT-PYLE.—On April 8th, 1975, Desmond, father of Judith and Robert of Goodgrooms, Salehurst, Robertsbridge, aged 75 years. Service and cremation Thursday, April 10th, at Hastings Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. No flowers by request. Donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation.

FORDE.—On April 8th, 1975, Pamela Cathleen, beloved wife of Noel, at The Old Vicarage, Great Witchingham, after an illness borne with great Christian courage. Cremation Friday, 4.30 p.m., St. Faiths, Norwich. Family only. No flowers; no letters, please, but donations if desired to St. Mary's Church, Great Witchingham, c/o Rev. G. C. James, Western Longville Rectory, Norfolk.

GILL.—On April 6th, peacefully, at his home, Doctor Stanley Gill, aged 49. Family funeral Friday, April 11th. Flowers to Frederick W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey, by 10.30 a.m. Memorial service to be held later.

GORHAM, RHODA of Billesdon, Leics., March 26, daughter of late Rev. and Mrs. Gorham. Burial at Malvern, April 3. She died for her friend.

HENRY.—On April 6th, in Eastbourne, after a long illness indomitably borne, Margaret Julia (Peggy), wife of the late Arthur and mother of Bryan and Myles. Funeral private.

HOBSON.—On 7th April, 1975, Anne Trevelyan of Slep House, Frampton Cotterell, peacefully in hospital. Beloved wife of Richard, mother of Nicholas, William and Mary and daughter of the late Aldred Rickham and Amy Sweet-Escott. Private cremation took place at Canford Crematorium, Bristol. Thanksgiving service to be announced later. Wedding to be as arranged. Donations, please to Leukaemia Research Fund, 43, Great Ormond St. London WC1N 3JJ.

IZAT.—On 7th April, 1975, peacefully, Miss Isobel Fergus Izat, of Chalton Lodge, Chalton Road, Bridge of Allan, last surviving daughter of Alexander Izat C.I.E. of Balliliesk, Muckhart.

KINGSLAND.—On April 5th, peacefully, at West View Hospital, Tenterden, Margaret, aged 85, of Chequers, Headcorn, Kent, service at Headcorn Parish Church, on Friday 11th April, at 2 p.m. followed by burial in the churchyard. Flowers to funeral directors, Sill's of Cranbrook.

LAFONE.—On April 8th, at Chalfont and Gerrards Cross Hospital, Beryl Hume, beloved wife of L. A. Lafone, mother of R. N. A. Lafone and grandma of Mark and Kate. Cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, 3.30 p.m. Friday, April 11th. Flowers to H. C. Grimstead Limited, Chalfont St. Peter, by 10 a.m. Friday.

LOVELOCK.—On April 8th, 1975, Doris Francise of Troodos, Sherfield-on-Loddon, suddenly at home. Funeral service 3.15 p.m., Monday 14th April, at Sherfield-on-Loddon, followed by cremation at Aldershot. Flowers to Alexander and Dry, Basingstoke.

MAC MANUS.—On April 8, at his home, 6, Springfield Ave., Harrogate, aged 85 years, Diarmuid (Dermott) Arthur Maurice Mac Manus, beloved husband of Millicent and son of the late Dr Leonard Strong Mac Manus, of Killeaden, Kiltimagh, County Mayo and Mayo House, Battersea, London. Funeral in Co. Mayo, Ireland.

MARIGOLD.—On April 7, 1975, Biddy (nee Macintyre), of 25 Kiln Road, Fareham, Hampshire, peacefully in St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. Dearly loved wife of Captain Dick Marigold, R.N., and mother of Stephanie, Celia, James and Julia. Funeral service, St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Fareham on Friday, April 11, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Portchester. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Oxfam.

MARSH.—On April 6th, 1975, peacefully, at home, Major Henry Marsh, late Middlesex Regiment. Funeral service, St. Stephen's Church, Bath, Friday, April 11th, at 3.15 p.m. followed by cremation at Haycombe. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the National Association of Boys Clubs, 17 Bedford Square, London, W.1.

MARTIN.—On April 4th, at Woodcote, Churt, David, aged 16, son of Anne and Frank Martin, brother of Sally and Katharine. Funeral at St. John's Church, Churt, Friday, April 11th, at 11.30, followed by private cremation. No letters or flowers, please.

MATTERS.—On 8th April, 1975, peacefully in hospital, Ada Mary, aged 91, widow of Engineer Rear-Admiral John Charles Matters, R.N., mother of Geoffrey and Philip, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Surrey, on Friday, 11th April, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please.

MAYO.—On April 8th, peacefully, at "Storries", Itchingfield, Horsham, Edith, beloved wife of Eric Mayo. Funeral private, no flowers or letters please.

MOORE.—On April 7, 1975, suddenly, Captain Charles Dalrymple Moore, Royal Navy (retired), of 17 Brittains Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. Dearly loved husband of Phyllis Moore. Cremation private. No flowers please.

MORTIMER.—On Easter Sunday, at Exmouth, Eileen Pevensey, widow of G. F. Mortimer, peacefully in her eighty-fourth year.

NAHAL.—On April 6th, 1975, peacefully, at St. Roch Hospital, Nice, France, Simonne Marie Ghislaine Nahal (de Caters), dearly loved wife of Habibollah and beloved mother of Berthe, Chantal, Viviane and Francine. Will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service, Thursday, April 10th, at 10.30 a.m., at Monastere de Cimiez, Nice. On the same day Requiem Mass will be held at Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, off Leicester Sq., London, W.C.2, at 6 p.m. May she rest in peace. Letters and floral tributes to above address.

PARKER.—On April 6th, 1975, Wing Commander Douglas Parker, D.F.C., D.S.O., at his home in Wargrave, Berks, after a long illness borne with great fortitude, very beloved husband of Elizabeth, dearly loved father of Anthony and Helen, and grandpa to Adam and Christian. Private funeral. No flowers. Any donations to Cancer Research Fund.

NEWCASTLE-WOODS.—On April 7th, after a long illness courageously borne, Tom George, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 65 years, of Duporth Bay, St Austell, beloved husband of Bertha and dearest father of Sally and grandfather of Helen, Katie and Emma. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the British Parkinson's Society, c/o Lloyds Bank, St Austell.

RYAN.—On April 5, 1975, suddenly in London, Philip Francis, aged 9 months, son of Christopher and Katherine Ryan, of Bruree, Co. Limerick. Funeral, Wednesday, April 9.

SCOTT.—On 5th April, in hospital, W.G.S. (Gerald) Scott, beloved husband of Isobel and dearly loved brother and brother in law of Ian and Cynthia Scott. Funeral at 11.30 on Monday, 14th April, in St Giles's Church, Shoreham. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Indo-China Appeal, B.H.C.S., 42 Wilbury Villas, Hove.

SCOTT.—On April 6, suddenly at his home in Kenya, Peter Lochhead, dearly loved brother of Joan Buchanan and Ian.

SLADEN.—On April 6th, 1975, peacefully, at Aldeburgh, Catherine Motee, granddaughter of William Booth, widow of Commissioner Hugh Sladen, Salvation Army. Much loved as wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Member of the Order of the White Rose of Finland. Private service and interment at Sidmouth, Friday, April 11th. Thanksgiving Service, Regent Hall, Oxford Street, London, Sunday, April 13th, 11 a.m. No flowers but donations to Dr. Penelope's Relief Fund for Cambodian Babies, c/o Bishop Key, Stover, Newton Abbot, Devon.

STOCK.—On 7th April 1975, peacefully, in London, Ian Heath Stock, M.C., aged 55 years, father of Zibby, Jill and Nigel. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Clifford Avenue, Mortlake, S.W.14, on Monday, 14th April, at 2.40 p.m. Cut flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 83 Westbourne Grove, W.2. All donations to British Heart Foundation.

STONEHAM.—On April 8th, 1975, at his home, Manor Farm, Eype, near Bridport, Dorset, after years of ill health, borne with great courage, Robert Thompson, beloved husband of Peggy and loving father of Ione Mary, Sara, Victoria and Millicent. Cremation private. No flowers please, but if desired donations to Cancer Research. A service of Thanksgiving for his life to be announced later.

THURNHAM.—On April 7th, Giles Farmer, beloved husband of Marjorie, and dear father of Peter and Gilly, of Paddocks, Haslemere and formerly South India, aged 67. Memorial service, Grayswood Church, at 4.45 p.m., Friday, 11th April. No flowers. If desired, donations to British Heart Foundation.

WILLIAMSON.—On 5th April, 1975, at Luddington, Stroude, Egham, Surrey, Kathleen Marjory, dearly loved sister of Joyce, died peacefully and with dignity amongst those who loved and admired her. A brave old lady who never complained. Funeral service at the Parish Church, Egham, on Friday, 11th April, at 1.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but contributions, however modest, to the Friends of Holloway, c/o Mrs Gratton-Storey, Luddington, Stroude, Egham, Surrey, would be greatly appreciated.

WOOD.—On April 8, 1975, Bunty, beloved wife of Adolf and dearly loved mother of Andrew and Christopher. Cremation at Golders Green today (Wednesday), at 4 p.m. No flowers, please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COURTNEY.—A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dame Kathleen Courtney will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 11th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C.2.

GRAHAM.—Requiem Mass for Stephen Graham at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London, W.1, on Thursday, 17th April at noon.

FLOYD.—A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sir John Floyd, Bart., will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Thursday, April 24th, at 3.00 p.m.

HUBBARD.—A memorial service for W. Kotton Hubbard, of Chagford, Devon, will be held at Christchurch, Worthing, on Monday, 14th April, 1975, at 2.30 p.m.

THOMPSON.—A memorial and thanksgiving service for Lt.-Col. Cecil H. F. Thompson, of Nunwick Hall, Penrith, Cumbria, will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Penrith, on Saturday, 19th April, 1975, at 3 p.m.

TURNER.—A memorial service for the Reverend R. C. Turner will be held at Winchester Cathedral on Tuesday, April 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

BERRIDGE.—To the precious memory of Richard, Lt. Richard Anthony Berridge, 2nd Bn., Scots Guards, killed in action, April 5th, 1943.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BIRD.—Margaret Bird would like to express her sincere thanks for the kind letters, messages of sympathy and floral tributes she received during the recent sad bereavement of her husband, the Reverend Clemments Hartley Bird, M.A., and special thanks for all the grateful help she received from her friends, also to L. P. Lintott and Son for their kindness and help with funeral arrangements.

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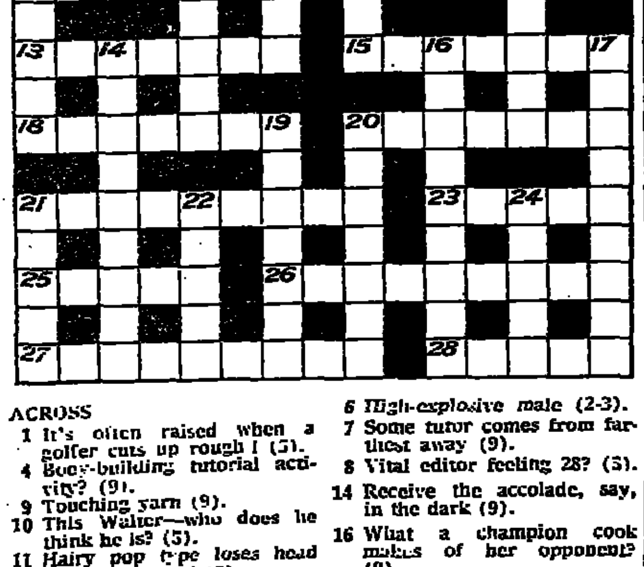
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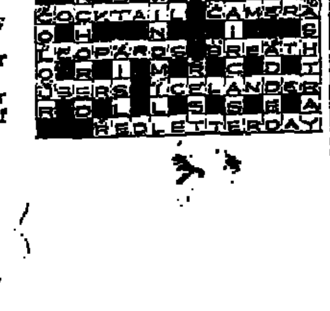
ACROSS

1 It's often raised when a golfer cuts up rough! (5).
4 Body-building tutorial activity? (9).
9 Touching yarn (9).
10 This Walter—who does he think he is? (5).
11 Hairy pop type loses head taking the stand (5).
12 Its sticky blossoms adorn Rosa strangely (6, 3).
13 Drenches one doctor regrets (7).
15 A jolly difficult situation in the Dress Circle (7).
18 Weapon's just been used, it seems, in the range (7).
20 24 household gods (7).
21 Elevating cross-talk? (4, 5).
23 A loner difficult to rope in (5).
25 Lily is a great deal with us (5).
26 R.L.S. as traveller in charge of a small engine (6-3).
27 The right one to get the post (9).
28 8 up, perhaps, feeling strained (5).

DOWN

1 Find grief, sadly not seeing eye to eye (9).
2 Highlight a victory by sunrise (5).
3 Not an examinee's lucky stars! (3, 6).
4 Fool donning French leather as armour (7).
5 Country in the Atlas (or vice versa) due south of Greenwich (7).
6 High-explosive male (2-3).
7 Some tutor comes from farthest away (9).
8 Vital editor feeling 28? (5).
14 Receive the accolade, say, in the dark (9).
16 What a champion cook makes of her opponent? (9).
17 Odd style Anne used for a novel (4, 5).
19 Businesses in which one makes angry speeches (7).
20 Heavy musical version involving 20 ac (7).
21 Game in which the men get jumpy (5).
22 Jock's sorrow about the way lack of thrift results (5).
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BROWN, GRACE BROWN, Spinster late of 124 Twyford House, Hurlock Street, London, N5 was found dead there on 11th February 1974 (Estate about £5,000).

HANCOCK, MARGARET HANCOCK, Spinster, late of 54 Brook Green Hammersmith, London, W.6, died at Hampstead, London, N.W.3, on 22nd September, 1973. (Estate about £11,000).

POWELL, FRANCIS GERALD POWELL, late of 37, Burghley Road, St. Andrews, Bristol, died at Bristol on 29th May, 1968 (Estate about £4,200).

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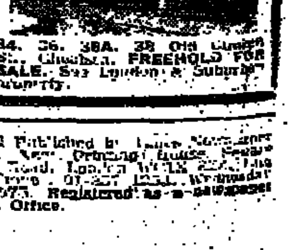
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